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PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

Forty-First Annual Report, 1911-1912.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following Report on their work for the year ending March 31st, 1912.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

All departments of the Libraries continue to be extensively used, and it is reasonable to believe, appreciated by the public.

During the year under review the re-organisation of the Lending Libraries, mentioned in the Report of last year, has been proceeded with. The method of issue has been changed from the Ledger system to that of Card Charging. The change has been of much advantage in facilitating the work of these departments, and has considerably quickened the issue of books.

For the past year additions to the Lending Library stock have been classified according to the Subject Classification, which classification it is intended to adopt for the re-classifying of the whole of the Lending Libraries. This work is of some magnitude, and must of necessity be spread over a number of years. As a preliminary, the fiction and juvenile classes have been re-arranged alphabetically according to authors, and are being given a new notation.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments available for public use is 62,203 (exclusive of the complete set of Patent Specifications, Blue Books, a number of Parliamentary and other papers). The Central Lending Library contains 39,115 volumes, the Central Reference Library 17,283 volumes, the Central Boys' Library 1,766 volumes, and the Castleton Branch Lending Library 4,039 volumes.

The additions to stock for the year numbered 1,067 volumes, which were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	675	volumes
Central Reference Library	257	,,
Castleton Branch Lending Library	135	**
Total	1,067	,,

These additions were selected by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, and care was taken to obtain volumes of a literary, scientific or technical value. Special attention is taken to purchase volumes dealing with the various trades and industries of the district.

DONATIONS.

The Committee were pleased to tender their cordial thanks to the donors of 320 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year.

ISSUES.

The total recorded circulation for the year under review from all departments was 179,243, as compared with 233,498 for the previous year, a decrease of 54,255 volumes. The decrease

has been largely contributed to by the various causes that influence regular and continuous reading. The temporary closing of the Lending Libraries for re-organizing purposes; the unavoidable dislocation of work rendered necessary by the re-decorating of the building; the Coronation festivities; the labour unrest; the fine weather of last summer; are all factors that must be taken into consideration when analyzing the figures for the year.

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	1911-1912	-	1910-1911
Central Lending Library	121,939		165,126
Central Reference Library	10,925		11,854
Central Boys' Library	13,916	• • •	18,685
Castleton Branch Lending Library	32,463	•••	37,833
Total	179,243	•••	233,498
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By Classes the circulation was:—	1911-1912	_	1910-1911
A.—Religion, Philosophy	2,185		2,480
B.—Biography, Correspondence	2,535		2,682
C.—History, Travels	6,665	• • •	8,523
D.—Law, Politics	1,533	• • •	1,951
E.—Arts, Science	14,160	• • •	17,818
F.—Fiction	85,923		120,058
G.—Poetry, Drama	1,405		1,742
H.—Miscellaneous	12,609		15,127
I.—Books for the Blind	408		374
J.—Juvenile Literature	51,034		61,781
P.—Patent Specifications	786		962
Total	179,243		233,498

BORROWERS.

With the re-organization of the Lending Libraries it was thought desirable, in order to obtain a correct register of borrowers, to cancel all tickets in force and invite borrowers to fill in new application forms. This was done, and tickets are now issued only from the Central Lending Library, and are available for borrowing books from the Central and Branch Lending Libraries. This is to the advantage of Branch Library borrowers, who are enabled without further formality, to borrow from the Central Lending stock.

This change became operative on October 31st, 1911, and the number of tickets issued from that date to March 31st, 1912, was 5,881. This number comprises 3,574 ordinary tickets, 1,067 supplementary tickets, and 1,240 scholars' tickets.

It is gratifying to your Committee to note the use made of the Lending Libraries by scholars, and they hope before the issue of the next annual report to publish a special catalogue for juveniles.

BINDING, WITHDRAWALS.

During the year, 1,296 volumes were bound under contract. A new binding specification has been introduced, which, it is hoped, will lead to a more permanent binding, and eventually to a reduction in the annual cost of binding. Minor repairs to the number of 5,087 were made by the staff, and 814 volumes recovered.

606 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation and discarded as worn out.

OVERDUES.

It has been found possible with the new system of issue to write for overdue books weekly instead of monthly, as formerly. This has enabled the staff to keep a better record of books overdue, and has, in many cases, led to their quick return to stock, thus rendering them available for further issue more promptly than would otherwise have been the case. 984 applications were made through the post for books overdue, and 74 personal visits made for the purpose of locating borrowers who had left their registered addresses. Only one volume was lost, and that through the borrower leaving the district and his new address remaining undiscovered by the staff.

Fines to the amount of £98 2s. 0d. were received during the year from borrowers for detention of books. 10 volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers, and penalties to the amount of £0 15s. 6d. were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS.

During the holiday season of last year a Catalogue of Guide Books contained in the Central Lending Library, classified according to the Subject Classification, and provided with an index to places, was published, and proved of much utility to borrowers. An edition of 2,000 was printed, the cost of which was partly covered by advertisements received from various holiday resorts. The edition was distributed free to borrowers from the Lending Libraries.

The monthly classified list of additions to the Lending Libraries has appeared regularly in the *Rochdale Observer* and the *Rochdale Times*, through the courtesy of their proprietors, and continues to be of much service.

Several "reading lists" on special topics were compiled in response to applications for them from various Societies of the Borough.

CATALOGUES.

The work of compiling a new catalogue of fiction, the first of a proposed series of class lists, is well in hand, and it will probably be published a few months hence.

A card catalogue of additions to the Central Lending Library during the past year is almost ready, and will shortly be available for public use.

The re-writing of the MS catalogue of the Reference Library is in hand.

BUILDINGS.

The Central and Branch Libraries were re-decorated during the year. Electric light has been installed at the Branch Library, and a much-needed improvement effected thereby. The ventilation at the Branch Library has been improved. General repairs were made to the leadwork of the roof and turrets of the Central Library.

STAFF,

In April last Mr. George Hanson resigned his position as Chief Librarian, after 40 years' service under your authority. Mr. R. J. Gordon was promoted to the vacancy

At the examination of the Library Association held last May, C. Stott, Senior Assistant, obtained the merit certificate for Practical Library Administration. The following certificates have now been obtained by the staff:—

Cataloguing C. Stott

Library History, Foundation and
Equipment F. Helliwell

Practical Library Administration C. Stott
F. Helliwell

THE ART GALLERY & MUSEUMS.

EXTENSION OF BUILDINGS.

The Committee had hoped to report the opening of the Extensions to the Art Gallery and Museum, which were begun in June last. Owing to delay through bad weather and strikes, the contractor has not been able to proceed with the work as rapidly as anticipated. As the building is now partially roofed in, further delay is not expected, and the new rooms will probably be ready for use in the course of a few weeks.

PERMANENT COLLECTION.

In May last the Committee received a request from Mr. Robert Taylor Heape that he should be allowed to take back six pictures which he presented ten years ago, and to replace them by six others. The donor considered that the early gift had now served its purpose, and he considered the exchange would be of benefit to_the Gallery. The Committee agreed to Mr Heape's

suggestion, and consequently the Gallery became possessed of the following pictures, which are all good examples of the work of the artists represented: -Edgar Bundy, R.I., "The coffeehouse orator "; W. Collins, R.A., "The sale of the pet lamb"; T. Sidney Cooper, R.A., "Cattle in a meadow"; David Farquharson, A.R.A., "Early morning on Beer Common"; Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., "By the waters of Babylon"; James Webb, "Namur, Belgium." The following paintings also have been presented: -From Alderman Wilson Dunning, "The robin" by Miss Jessica Hayllar: Mr. F. Greenwood, "Portrait of John Collier (Tim Bobbin) "; Mr. Cuthbert C. Grundy, R.C.A., R.I., "Fresh and Breezy," painted by the donor. No important purchases have been made since the issue of the last Report, as the fund for the purchase of pictures was overspent in the previous financial year. The rapid growth of the permanent collection makes necessary the publication of a catalogue, and one will probably be published when the new Galleries are completed.

EXHIBITIONS.

The Annual Spring Exhibition of artists' pictures was held from the 9th February to the 7th May, 1911, and was visited by 25,061 persons. The popularity of the Exhibition among artists was shown by the ready way in which they sent their works, and the appreciation of the public was evident from the satisfactory attendance and the favourable comments made. The School of Art Students and Sketching Club again held their joint exhibition in the Art Gallery, and 3,645 visits were paid to it during the short time it remained open. The Annual Exhibition of the Amateur Photographic Society was also held in the Gallery as in former years, and many good examples of pictorial photography were placed on view. As part of the local celebration of the centenary of the birth of John Bright, Rochdale's most noted townsman, the Committee, in co-operation with the Literary and Scientific Society got together a collection of portraits and personal relics, and placed them on exhibition for nine days. In this short time 4,707 visits were paid to the exhibition, and it would

no doubt have been a great attraction for a longer period. Some of the best contemporary portraits were secured, and many interesting relics.

LOANS OF PICTURES.

During the year several applications have been received from other Galleries for loans of pictures, and when possible the Committee have acceded to these requests. The following is a list of pictures loaned:—

BLACKPOOL-

- "Sheep Fair," Hubert Coutts.
- "Early Morning," David Farquharson, A.R.A.
- "Mountain Pasture," R. G. Somerset, R.C.A.
- "Over the Border," J. McWhirter, R.A.
- "Lancaster Sands," Creswick and Frith.
- "Among the Water Lilies," E. A. Hornel.

BURNLEY-

- "Ophelia," T. F. Dicksee.
- "Ruth and Boaz," F. W. W. Topham, R.I.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE-

- "There was no room in the Inn," Edward Stott, A.R.A.
- "All hands shorten sail," Frank Brangwyn, A.R.A.
- "From English Seas," J. L. Pickering.
- "Among the Water Lilies," E. A. Hornel.
- "The Light at the Door," F. Spenlove-Spenlove, R.I.

TORONTO-

"Hush," J. H. Lorimer, R.S.A.

MUSEUM.

Additions are quietly being made to the Museum collections, and when the new rooms are ready for use, a systematic scheme for the utilization of the space at disposal, and the arrangement of the exhibited series will be put into operation. During the year part of the geological collection has been re-labelled and duplicates removed. Popular Talks, arranged by the Education

Guild, Field Naturatist Society, and Literary and Scientific Society, have been held, and have attracted good audiences. The thanks of the Committee are due to these Societies for the practical interest they take in the Art Gallery and Museum. The wild flower table has again been kept up during the summer, and appreciation of it continues to grow.

FALINGE PARK MUSEUM.

The Committee have decided to give up this branch Museum, as, owing to the bad condition of the building (an old residence) the expense of preparing additional rooms would be very great. Moreover, the large additions now being made to the central premises will render them quite adequate for the needs of the town for some time to come.

VISITORS.

The number of visits paid to the Art Gallery and Museum has been well maintained, 58,066 having been recorded during the year. This number, while not constituting a record, is well up to the average, and is nearly 10,000 higher than in the preceding year. The total number of visits paid to the Art Gallery and Museum since the opening in 1903 has now reached over half-a-million.

The future of the Art Gallery and Museum is full of promise, and with the completion of the buildings, the Committee hope that the institution under their charge will take a still higher place among provincial institutions of a similar character.

HENRY FISHWICK,

CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes Issued.
Theology and Philosophy	953	614
Biography and Correspondence	934	241
History and Travels	3,839	1,614
Law, Politics, and Commerce	1,390	374
Arts and Science	2,867	3,713
Fiction	164	419
Poetry and Drama	879	248
Miscellaneous Literature	6,257	2,916
Patent Specifications		786
		10,925*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	1,766	13,916
Total	19,049	24,841

Days open, 353; Daily average issue, 70.

* Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

CLASSIFICA	No. of Volumes	Volumes Issued.				
Theology and Philosophy		•••			2,340	1,538
Biography and Correspondence		•••			3,593	2,052
History and Travels					5,767	4,553
Law, Politics, and Commerce					1,159	1,076
Arts and Science	•••				5,951	9,896
Fiction					8,265	73,488
Juvenile Literature					2,843	19,972
Poetry and Drama					1,294	1,087
Miscellaneous Literature					7,596	7,869
Books for the Blind		•••	•••		307	408
Total					39,115	121,939

Days open, 264*; Daily average issue, 461.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes Issued.		
Theology and Philosophy	 		73	33
Biography and Correspondence	 		255	242
History and Travels	 		249	498
Law, Politics, and Commerce	 		127	83
Arts and Science	 		266	551
Fiction and Juvenile Literature	 		2,165	12,016
Poetry and Drama	 		102	70
Miscellaneous Literature	 		578	1,824
Juvenile Literature in Boys' Library	 		224	17,146
			-	
Total	 		4,039	32,463

Days open, 242; Daily average issue, 134.

TABLE IV.

MISCELLANEA.

Catalogues sold					390
Post Cards sold for books to be re	eserved	l			457
Number of borrowers' tickets					5,881
Notices sent for books overdue	•••	•••			984
Books lost or damaged, and paid	for				10
Books lost					1
Books withdrawn from circulation	•••				60€
Books re-bound		•••			2,110
Books repaired by staff					5,087
Daily average issue from all depart	ments				665
Percentage of fiction issued from al	l depa	tment	S	•••	47.93
Percentage of fiction issued for Library				ing	60.26
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TABLE V.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Anderson, Dr. A. G., Rochdale.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Australia, High Commissioner for.

Baldwin, W., Rochdale. .

Barry, Leonard, Rochdale.

Berry, J., Rochdale.

Birchall, O., Malvern.

Board of Trade, London.

Boothman, Seth, Rochdale.

Bridge, Messrs. David, Castleton.

British Museum Trustees, London.

Britton, S. L., Heywood.

Broadfield Park "Parliament," Rochdale.

Brown, J. D., London.

Browne, T. B., Ltd., London.

Canada, High Commissioner for.

City and Guilds of London Institute, London.

Clegg, James, Rochdale.

Co-operative Union, Manchester.

Crane, Messrs., London.

Duckworth, Sir James, Rochdale.

Edinburgh University.

Fishwick, Lieut.-Col. Henry, F.S.A., Rochdale.

Greaves, J. E. E., Rochdale.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

His Majesty's Stationery Office, London.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Howorth, Henry, Rochdale.

Incorporated Society of Musicians, London.

International Arbitration League, London.

International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, Manchester.

Kershaw, Miss E., Rochdale.

Lees, John, Rochdale.

London College of Music.

London Publicity Company.

London, The Lord Mayor.

London, The Town Clerk.

London University Correspondence College.

Marsden, J. F., Rochdale.

Marsden, V. E., St. Petersburgh.

Mather and Crowther, Messrs., London

National Union of Teachers, London.

New Zealand, Registrar-General for.

Nield, Jonathan, Eastbourne.

Northern Counties Education League, Manchester.

Parker, W. A., Rochdale.

Paton, Messrs. J. & E., London.

Platt, S. S., Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society

Royds, Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

School of Technology, Manchester.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

South African Railways, Cape Town.

Tonic Sol-Fa College, London.

Union Defence League, London.

Union of Ethical Societies, London.

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Victoria University, Manchester.

Wadsworth, A., Rochdale.

Wild, John, Rochdale.

Wrigley, Ammon, Saddleworth.

Wrigley, Messrs. E., Rochdale.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleiau (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brookline (U.S.A.), Bury, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chorley, Cork, Cripplegate Foundation, Crovdon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Folkestone, Gloucester, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Hammersmith, Harlesden, Haslingden, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Keighley, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Knutsford, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Norwich, Nottin ham, Oldham Lyceum, Paisley, Perth, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Providence (U.S.A.), Richmond, Runcorn, St. Bride Foundation, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smithsonian Institution (U.S.A.), South Shields, Stirlings, and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Swansea, Todmorden, Tottenham, Twickenham, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Welsh Museum (Cardiff), West Bromwich, Westminster, Willesden, Wimbleden, Windsor (U.S.A.), Wolverhampton, Worcester, York.

TABLE VI.

Periodicals and Magazines supplied to the Libraries.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

News Room.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Post.

Daily Chronicle. Daily Dispatch.

Daily Graphic.

Daily Mail.

Daily News. Daily Telegraph.

Irish Times.

Leeds Mercury.

Liverpool Daily Post. Manchester Courier.

Manchester Evening Chronicle.

Manchester Evening News.

Manchester Guardian.

Morning Leader.

Scotsman.

Standard.

Times.

Western Mail. Yorkshire Observer.

Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Alliance News.

Amateur Photographer.

*Aspirant.

*Australian Official Journal of Patents.

*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart (tri-weekly).

*Blackpool Gazette and News.

*Blackpool Herald.

*Blackpool Times.

*Board of Trade Journal.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette. Bolton Journal and Guardian.

*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory. British Weekly.

Bury Times (bi-weekly).

*Canada.

*Canadian Mail. Catholic Herald.

Catholic Times and Catholic Opinion

*Christian Science Sentinel.

Church Times,

WEEKLY.

Clarion.

*Clark's Educator.

*Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering.

*Co-operative News. Cotton Factory Times. *Drapers' Record.

*Electrical Times.

English Churchman. English Mechanic.

Farm, Field, and Fireside.

Field.

*Freetrader.

Gardening.

Graphic.

Health and Strength. Illustrated London News.

*India.

*Inquirer.

*Investors' Guardian.

*Joyful News. * [ustice.

Labour Leader.

Labour News. *Local Government Chronicle.

*Local Government Journal.

*Machinery Market.

Manchester City News. Manchester Weekly Times. Mechanical World.

Miller.

Model Engineer and Electrician.

*Motor Traction. Municipal Journal.

New Age.

Oldham Chronicle.

*Pitman's Journal.

*Practical Engineer.

*Present Truth. Punch.

Railway Review.

Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

*Shop Assistant.

Sketch Sphere.

Sporting and Dramatic News.

Tatler.

WEEKLY.

Textile Mercury. Tit-Bits. T. P.'s Weekly. Truth.

Weekly Freeman. *Worcester Herald.

Work.

MONTHLY.

- *Agricultural Economist.
- *Animal World.
- *Animals' Friend.
- *Anti-Slavery Reporter.
- *Arbitrator.

Badminton Magazine.

- *British Columbia Magazine. Cassell's Magazine.
- *Catholic Federationist. Century Magazine.

Chambers's Journal. *Civil Service Candidate.

*Conservative and Unionist. Cornhill Magazine.

*Deliverer.

*Ferro-Concrete. Fry's Magazine.

Harper's Magazine. *Herald of Peace.

*Herald of the Golden Age.

*Home.

*Humanitarian.

*Insurance Agent.

* Jewish Missionary Intelligence.

* Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, Australia. * Journal of the Incorporated Clerks of

Works Association of Great Britain *Liberal Monthly.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide. Literary World.

London Magazine. Miller.

*Millgate Monthly. Munsey's Magazine.

*Musicians' Report and Journal.

*Musical Herald. Musical Times.

*National Church. Pall Mall Magazine.

*Patents.

Pearson's Magazine. Physical Development.

*Positivist Review.

*Railway Clerk.

Reporters' Magazine.

MONTHLY.

Royal Magazine.

*Shoe Manufacturers' Monthly.

*Socialist.

- *Socialist Standard. Strand Magazine. Textile Manufacturer. Textile Recorder.
- *Universal Patents Bureau Sales Journal.

*Vegetarian Messenger.

*Vulcan.

Wide World Magazine. Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

World's Work.

*Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Cambrian.

*Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Central.

*Great Eastern.

*Great Northern.
*Great Western.

*Hull and Barnsley.

- *Lancashire and Yorkshire. *London and North Western.
- *London, Brighton and South Coast.

*Midland.

*North British. *North Eastern.

*North Staffordshire.

Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Room.

DAILY.

Daily News.

*Daily Telegraph. Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

*Christian Science Sentinel.

*Common Cause.

Gentlewoman.

Graphic.

Illustrated London News.

Ladies' Field.

Lady.

Lady's Pictorial.

Punch.

WEEKLY.

Queen. Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly). Sketch.

*Votes for Women.

MONTHLY.

*Awake.

*Band of Hope Review.

*British Workman. Cassell's Magazine. Chambers's Journal. Chatterbox. Children's Friend. Child's Companion.

*Christian Science Journal.

*Church Gazette.

*Church Missionary Gleaner.

*Church Missionary Review.

*C. M. S. Gazette. Delineator. *East and West. Englishwoman.

*Food and Cookery. Girls' Own Paper. Home Needlework. Lady's Realm.

London Magazine. *Millgate Monthly.

*Mission Field.

*Our Own Gazette

*Our Waifs and Strays. Pearson's Magazine.

Prize. Ouiver.

*Round the World. St. Nicholas. Strand Magazine. Sunday.

*White Ribbon Woman at Home.

Reference Department.

WEEKLY.

Academy. Accountant. American Machinist. Architect. Athenæum. *Bookseller. Builder. Building News.

WEEKLY.

Contract Journal. Economist. Electrical Review. Electrician. Engineer. Engineering Guardian.

*Illustrated Journal of Patents. !! * Journal of the Royal Society of Arts.

Nature.

Notes and Queries. Saturday Review. Schoolmaster.

Scientific American.

Spectator. Teachers' Aid.

*Trade Marks Journal.

MONTHLY.

Antiquary. Art Journal. Blackwood's Magazine. Bookman. Book Monthly. British Esperantist. British Socialist.

Cassier's Magazine. *Christian Science Journal.

Connoisseur.

Contemporary Review. Country Side Monthly.

*Decorator.

Decorators' and Painters' Magazine.

Dyer and Calico Printer. *Educational Times.

English Review. Fortnightly Review.

*Geographical Journal. Highway.

*I. C. S. Student.

*International Theosophical Chronicle. Investors' Monthly Manual.

Je Sais Tout.

Journal of Education.

Knowledge.

Lancashire Naturalist.

Librarian.

Library World.

*National Home Reading Union— General Course Magazine. Special Course Magazine.

Young People's Magazine. National Review.

Naturalist.

Nineteenth Century.

MONTHLY.

Review of Reviews.

Rochdale Parish Church Magazine.
*Socialist Review.

Studio.

*Theosophist.

Tramway and Railway World.

*University Correspondent. Westminster Review. QUARTERLY.

Army List.
Economic Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Hibbert Journal.
Manchester Quarterly.
Post Office Guide.
Quarterly Review.
Science Progress.
*Sociological Review.

*Presented



BRANCH LIBRARY. CASTLETON

DAILY.

Daily Dispatch. Daily News. Daily Telegraph. Liverpool Courier. Manchester Evening Chronicle. Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian. Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Accrington Division Gazette Accrington Observer and Times. (bi-weekly)

Alliance News.

*Aspirant.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.

*Board of Trade Journal. Boys' Own Paper. Bury Times (bi-weekly) Catholic Times.

*Christian Science Sentinel.

Chums. Clarion.

*Clark's Educator.

*Co-operative News. Cotton Factory Times. Engineering. English Mechanic. Farm, Field, and Fireside. Garden. Graphic.

Health and Strength. Heywood Advertiser. Heywood News.

Hobbies.

Illustrated London News.

*Investor's Guardian. Labour Leader.

*Machinery Market. Manchester City News. Manchester Weekly Times. Oldham Chronicle. Pitman's Journal.

· Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly). Textile Mercury. T. P.'s Weekly.

Work.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.

*Animal World. *Arbitrator.

Captain.

Cassell's Magazine. Chambers's Journal.

*Christian Science Journal.

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MONTHLY.

*Church Gazette. *Faith.

Fry's Magazine.

*Herald of Health. Highway.

*Insurance Agent. *I. C. S. Student.

*Liberal Monthly.

*Literary Guide.

*Liberator.

London Magazine.

*National Church.

*Our Waifs and Strays. Pearson's Magazine. Review of Reviews. Royal Magazine.

*Socialist Standard. Strand Magazine. Textile Manufacturer.

*Vegetarian Messenger. *White Ribbon. Windsor Magazine.

*Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Northern. *Great Western.

*Highland.

*Hull and Barnsley.

*Lancashire and Yorkshire. *London and North Western.

*Midland.

*North British.

*North Eastern.

Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Table.

WEEKLY.

Gentlewoman. Lady's Pictorial. Queen.

MONTHLY

Delineator. Girls' Own Paper. Girls' Realm. Lady's Realm. Quiver. St. Nicholas. Woman at Home.

* Presented.

TABLE VII.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and
Museum, 1911-12.

Month.		Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
April .		29	8684	299
Мач		10	1989	199
June		28	5210	186
JULY		31	4223	136
August .		31	4793	154
September .		30	5453	181
October .		31	3557	115
November .		30	6568	219
December .		30	3326	110
JANUARY .		14	1508	107
FEBRUARY .		16	3942	246
March .		31	8813	284
1911-12 .		311	58066	186
1910-11 .		320	48772	156
Totals since Ope April	ening , 1903	2721	522366	189

TABLE VIII.

Attendance of Visitors to Falinge Park Museum, 1911.

	M	onth.				Days Open.	Visitors	Average per day.
MAY						17	1887	111
June						14	1071	82
JULY						16	1378	86
August						18	1512	84
Septemb	ER					15	525	35
			1911	•••		80	6373	79
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TABLE IX.

List of "TALKS" given in the Art Gallery and Museum,

1911.

June 7th - "Climbing Plants," Mr. E. Stenhouse, B.Sc.

July 8th —"The Law Collection of Ornamental Stones," Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc.

July 22nd.—"Trees—their leaves, flowers and fruits," Mr. F. Duckworth.

Aug. 5th.—"Museums and their places in education," The Curator (Mr. F. Williamson).

Aug. 26th.—" How plants adapt themselves to changed conditions—can they reason?" Mr. H. Boothman.

Sept. 9th.-" Relationship between plants and animals," Mr. A. Brierley.

Nov. 24th.—" Books on Foreign Fine Art," Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.

1912.

Mar. 21st.—"The conception of a subject," Mr. H. B. Carpenter.

TABLE X.

Additions to the Art Gallery and Museum.

OIL PAINTINGS.

Edgar Bundy, R.I., "The Coffee-house Orator," W. Collins, R.A., "The sale of the pet lamb."

T. Sidney Cooper, R.A., "Cattle in a meadow."

David Farquharson, A.R.A., "Early morning on Beer Common, Devon.

Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., "By the waters of Babylon." James Webb, "Namur, Belgium."

Presented by Mr. Robert Taylor Heape.

Portrait of John Collier (Tim Bobbin). Presented by Mr. F. Greenwood.

Cuthbert C. Grundy, V.P.R.C.A., R.I., "Fresh and Breezy." Pre-

sented by the Artist.

Jessica Hayllar, "The robin." Presented by Alderman Wilson Dunning, Esq., J.P.

John Collier (Tim Bobbin), "Man with broken pipe." Purchased.

ENGRAVINGS, Etc.

Central Executive of the Cotton Famine Relief Committee. Portrait of W. Sharman Crawford, M.P. for Rochdale 1841-52. Portrait of Richard Cobden, M.P. for Rochdale 1859-65.

—Presented by Dr. J. R. Ashworth.

J. M. Whistler, "The Smith's Yard." Purchased. Portrait of the late Robert Law, F.G.S. Presented by Mrs. Rhodes.

MUSEUM SPECIMENS.

Molluscan shells. Presented by Mr. E. Cropper. Roman lamp, from Gabbari, Egypt. Presented by Mr. C. Hopkinson.

Leeds pottery (2 pieces). Presented by Miss Broadbent.

British birds' eggs. Presented by Mr. E. Jewell.

Herbarium specimens. Presented by Mr. E. Stenhouse, B.Sc. Chinese embroidery. Presented by Alderman J. E. Jones.

Horn of Bos longifrons. from Cupwith Hill. Presented by Mr. W.

H. Sutcliffe, F.G.S. Egyptian antiquities, from Howari, Gerzeh and Mazguneh. Presented by Mr. Charles Heape, F.R.G.S.

Circular stone and flint implements from the Burnley district. Presented by Mr. G. B. Leach.

Neolithic flint implements from the Burnley district. Presented by Messrs. Leach, Osbaldeston and Williamson.

Lepidodendron lycopodioides, showing typical branching, leaves and cones. Purchased.

Fossils from the Lower Lias of Lyme Regis. Presented by Mr. W. Baldwin, F.G.S.

Old tobacco pipes, small grindstone, etc. Presented by Mr. S. S. Platt, M.I.C.E., F.G.S.

Maori blanket. Presented by Mr. J. Wilson.

Statement of Accounts.



Year ended 31st March, 1912.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	600	8	3			
Gas, Electric Current, Water, Coke, &c	193	1	0			
Books	183	8	8			
Newspapers and Periodicals	142	8	6			
Bookbinding	92	19	9			
Printing and Stationery	103	13	4			
Repairs and Sundries	205	17	11			
Advertising, Stamps, &c.	26	8	0			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	555	8	7	2103	14	0
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Wages	52	0	0			
Gas, Water, Coke, &c.	34	_	4			
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Newspapers and Periodicals	29		7			
Repairs and Sundries		16	1			
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Salary and Wages	204	2	6			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	294	16	3			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c		12				
Repairs and Sundries	64					
Museum Specimens	7					
Loan of Specimens		10	_			
				620	9	6
MOUNT FALINGE.						
Wages, &c				25	4	0
Capital Account—						
Purchase of Pictures				0	15	0
			£	2950	10	7

Year ending March 31st, 1912.

### Borough Rate— Amount Received							
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Memoranda.

Population of the Borough, 1911—91,437.

Net Rateable Value—£424,323.

Product of Rate—£2,780.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened-1903.

Present Curator Appointed—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened 1905.

Present Librarian Appointed—1911.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1912-1913.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Rochdale:

E. Wrigley & Sons Limited, Printers, Acker Street.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

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1912-1913,

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Junior Assistants ... W. KERSHAW, E. BOTTOMLEY,

N. DYKES.

Evening Assistant ... H. GIBBINS.

Caretakers M. HIND, R. SLATER.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Hon. Art Adviser ... Tom Mostyn, Esq.

Curator ... FREDERICK WILLIAMSON.

Caretaker ... W. Rhodes.

Cleaner ... Mrs. W. Rhodes.



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PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

Forty-Second Annual Report, 1912-1913.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following Report of their work for the year ending 31st March, 1913.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

All departments of the Libraries continue to be of much service, and it is reasonable to believe are appreciated by the public.

The re-classification of the stock, part of the re-organisation of the Lending Libraries, is proceeding. During the year under review several thousand volumes have been re-classified according to the Subject Classification.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries available for public use is 62,477, exclusive of the complete set of Patent Specifications, a number of Parliamentary and other papers. The Central Lending Library contains 39,158 volumes, the Central Reference Library 17,548 volumes, the Central Boys' Library 1,766 volumes, and the Castleton Branch Lending Library 4,005 volumes.

The additions to stock during the year numbered 1,203 volumes, which were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	860	volumes
Central Reference Library	265	,,
Castleton Branch Lending Library	78	,,
Total	1,203	,,

• These additions were selected by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, and care was taken to obtain volumes likely to be of permanent interest by reason of their literary, scientific or technical value. The Committee regret the curtailment of their income, which has prevented them from purchasing many books of value that with advantage could have been obtained for the Libraries.

Advantage was taken of the publication of a fiction catalogue to thoroughly weed out that portion of the Library stock of books which was in an unclean condition. 1,225 such books were discarded, and 564 of them replaced with new copies. To preserve the attraction of the Libraries it is necessary to keep the stock in as good a condition as possible by discarding at the earliest moment books that are considered unfit for further circulation. To carry this out requires a considerable annual expenditure, which militates against the acquisition of many new books.

DONATIONS.

The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the donors of 363 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year.

ISSUES.

The total recorded circulation for the year from all departments was 181,636, as compared with 179,243 for the previous year, an increase of 2,393 volumes issued.

By Departments the circulation was	1912-1913		1911-1912
-		-	
Central Lending Library	114,959		121,939
Central Reference Library	10,657		10,925
Central Boys' Library	20,214		13,916
Castleton Branch Lending			
Library	35,806		32,463
Total	181,636		179,243
-		-	
By Classes the circulation was:—			
25	1912-1913		1911-1912
A.—Theology, Philosophy	1,917		2,185
B.—Biography	2,827		2,535
C.—History, Travels	7,184		6,665
D.—Law, Politics	1,576		1,533
E.—Arts, Science	14,436		14,160
F.—Fiction	77,966		85,923
G.—Poetry, Drama	1,643		1,405
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H.—Miscellaneous	12,446	• • •	12,609
I.—Books for the Blind	404		408
J.—Juvenile Literature	60,230		51,034
P.—Patent Specifications	1,007		786
Total	181,636		179,243

The decrease in the Central Lending Library is confined principally to fiction, which shows a decrease of 9,033 volumes issued. It is possible that the publication in recent years of fiction in a cheap and popular form is reflected in the marked decrease of fiction reading as shown. The decrease in this class of reading through the medium of public libraries is fairly general throughout the country. Other classes of the department show favourable increases. The provision of open cases in the entrance hall of the department has been greatly appreciated by borrowers, and further facilities for the choosing of books by readers, though desirable, are hardly possible with the present counter accommodation.

The Committee regret a slight decrease in the issues from the Central Reference Library. The department is worthy of better attention from those who value a collection of standard reference books, and a local collection of increasing interest and value. The popularity of the open shelves in the department continues to grow.

The Central Boys' Library has greatly increased in usefulness, the issue for the year showing an increase of 6,298 volumes. It augurs well for the future of the Library when the youth of the town show an increasing interest in the attractions of a boys' reading room. The disuse of two rooms adjacent to the boys' room may incline your Committee to add them, if funds permit, to that room, and so increase the accommodation of the present often crowded department.

The issues from the Castleton Branch show a commendable increase of 3,343 volumes. The experiment of supplementing the stock of the branch by loans from the Central Lending stock has been quite successful, as may be seen from the increased issue from the two classes affected by the temporary loans, viz., History, Travels and Biography.

BORROWERS.

During the year 8,158 tickets were issued to borrowers. This number comprises 4,878 ordinary tickets, 1,440 supplementary tickets, and 1,840 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 6,718.

BINDING, WITHDRAWALS.

1,180 volumes were bound under contract during the year. Minor repairs to the number of 6,483 were made by the staff, and 635 volumes recovered.

1,544 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation and discarded as worn out; 615 of these were replaced by new copies.

OVERDUES.

1,651 applications were made through the post for books overdue, and 99 personal visits were made by the staff for the purpose of locating borrowers who had left their registered addresses. 4 volumes were lost from the Lending Libraries during the year.

Fines to the amount of £84 8s. 11d. were received from borrowers for the detention of books. 9 volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers, and penalties to the amount of 14/-were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS, CATALOGUES.

A Fiction Catalogue, the first of a series of sectional catalogues, was published during the year and has been in good demand by borrowers. A classified list of books added to the Central Lending Library, from June, 1911, to May, 1912, was also published. The catalogue of guide books to holiday resorts published last year has again been well used, and the books catalogued were in continuous demand during the holiday months.

Several "reading lists" were again compiled in response to applications for them from various societies in the Borough. In connection with the Library "Talks" and the Education Guild Lectures on "Modern Writers," an 8pp. pamphlet containing lists of books on the lectures was compiled and 1,000 copies distributed free from the Libraries. Much interest was taken in the list and the books were freely used by persons attending the lectures.

The opening of a new wing to the Museum gave opportunity for the compilation of various lists of books in the Libraries on the exhibits. Typewritten copies of the lists have been placed on the Museum cases, and have been of utility to those desirous of studying further the class of specimens on view.

A Card Catalogue, in classified form, of additions to the Central Lending stock has been placed in the entrance hall.

The monthly classified list of additions to the Lending Libraries has appeared regularly in the "Rochdale Observer" and the "Rochdale Times," through the courtesy of their proprietors, and continues to be of much service.

Your Committee has sanctioned the compilation of a catalogue for juveniles, and the work is now in hand.

Exhibitions of books were shown before meetings of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society and the Rochdale Amateur Photographic Society.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

An interesting feature of the year's work was the initiation of a series of Library "Talks" to adults and juveniles. Your Committee felt that valuable stimulus would be given to the work of the Libraries and some profitable and pleasurable guidance given by the introduction of brief talks on books and bookmen. Such has proved the case, and the Committee feel encouraged to proceed further with the talks next winter. The talks to juveniles have been most successful, and there is but little doubt that the object of the Committee in promoting the talks with the idea of directing the attention of the juveniles to other fields of literature besides that of fiction will be achieved. The co-operation of the Education Committee and the Headmasters in the work was of much benefit. Cordial thanks have been accorded to the various lecturers and the chairmen of the meetings.

TELEPHONE.

The installation of the telephone has been of considerable assistance in carrying on the work of the Central Library. It has also proved of much convenience to borrowers, enabling them to renew books for a further period without the necessity of coming to the Library to register the renewal. Renewals to

the extent of several thousand have been made by this means. An interesting and rather unexpected result of the provision of the instrument has been the use made of it by business firms and others to verify addresses by means of the directories in the Reference Library, to ascertain the situation of certain towns and villages, the meaning of words, and many similar lines of enquiry that can be quickly answered by the use of the books in the various departments. The Central Library has been brought into closer touch with the public by such enquiries, and that this branch of the Library's work will be augmented when it becomes more widely known is certain.

LIBRARY CONFERENCES.

The Chairman (Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.) and the Chief Librarian attended the 35th Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Liverpool from the 2nd to the 5th September, 1912, and submitted a report of the proceedings to the Committee. Your Chief Librarian had the honour of reading a paper on John Collier at a meeting of the North-Western Branch of the Library Association, held at Bury on the 15th November, 1912. The Branch Association has accepted an invitation from your Committee to hold one of their meetings at Rochdale in 1913.

BUILDINGS.

All the buildings are in good structural repair. The Castleton Branch Library has been equipped with chemical fire extinguishers, and a tablet commemorative of the gift of the building by Andrew Carnegie, Esq., has been placed in the entrance hall.

STAFF.

The Committee regret the death of J. J. Oddie, Caretaker of the Central Library, [after 8 years' service. M. Hind was appointed to the vacancy. Norman Dykes was appointed junior assistant.

At the examination of the Library Association held last May, F. Helliwell obtained the certificate for cataloguing, and W. Kershaw the certificate for Practical Library Administration. The following certificates are now held by the staff:—

Cataloguing—F. Helliwell, C. Stott.

Library History and Organisation—F. Helliwell.

Library Administration—F. Helliwell, C. Stott, and W. Kershaw.

THE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

OPENING OF EXTENSIONS TO BUILDINGS.

The extensions to the building, which have been in progress since June, 1911, were opened on February 7th, 1913, the ceremony being performed by Mr. F. J. Leslie, F.R.G.S., Chairman of the Liverpool Libraries, Art Gallery and Museums Committee. About four hundred persons were present at the opening, and they had the opportunity of listening to a most interesting address on the influence of Art Galleries and Museums.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW BUILDING.

The building is crected entirely of stone, and is designed to harmonise with the older portion opened in 1903, and with the Library which was opened in 1884. It comprises two storeys and a basement, the latter finding accommodation for workroom and storeroom, and a room for the heating apparatus. The rooms on the ground floor are devoted to museum purposes, while the upper rooms provide top-lighted picture galleries. The three floors are connected by an electric lift sufficiently large and powerful enough to carry the biggest pictures which are likely to be exhibited. In addition provision is made for a Curator's Office and a Caretaker's Room. The exhibition space comprises four rooms, two of which measure 76ft. by 30ft., and two measuring 40ft. by 30ft. The floors throughout are of

re-inforced concrete laid with oak blocks stained and polished. The walls of the picture galleries are boarded to a height of 12ft. 6in., surmounted by a frieze 3ft. deep, and painted a neutral green, with the frieze and ceilings pure white. The walls of the lower rooms are done with Keen's cement, painted a lighter tint of green than the upper rooms. The artificial lighting is by electricity, the ground floor lights being in groups of six, while in the picture galleries, in addition to six-light electroliers down the centre line, there are single lights hung five feet from the walls at intervals of six feet. The plans have been prepared by the Corporation Architect, Mr. P. W. Hathaway, under whose supervision the work has been carried out by a local firm of Contractors, Messrs. R. & T. Howarth. On the gable end of Gallery No. IV. are three carved panels in high relief, designed and executed by Messrs. Martyn Bros., of Cheltenham. The Committee were able to pay for the two small ones out of the loan, but have to acknowledge the generosity of several gentlemen, who, on the initiative of the Mayor (Ald. Wm. Cunliffe), agreed to defray the cost of the large central panel.

PERMANENT COLLECTION.

Many valuable additions have been acquired during the past year, chiefly by gift, and full details will be found in the table which follows. Mr. Robert Taylor Heape continued his generous series of donations, and this year the Committee has to report the receipt from Mr. Heape of twelve oil paintings, all by well-known and important artists, and of two fine pieces of sculpture, the bas-relief by Thorvaldsen being a particularly desirable acquisition. By the will of the late Mr. A. H. Crowther, of Rochdale, the gallery is enriched by two landscapes by Peter Graham, R.A., and a very fine work by Leopold Carl Muller. Mr. J. S. Crompton presented the gallery with an oil painting by Alberto Pasini, a modern Italian painter. The Committee desire to express their appreciation of these valuable gifts, and to thank the donors on behalf of the public. From the funds of the Ogden Bequest the Committee have purchased three oil paintings from the exhibition now in progress.

EXHIBITIONS.

The Annual Exhibition of Artists' Pictures was held from the 14th February to 5th May, 1912, and was visited by 21,469 persons. Although the attendance was not quite so large as the previous year its popularity was sufficient to justify the expenditure involved. The Annual Exhibition held jointly by the School of Art Students and the Sketching Club occupied Gallery No. II. and Room I. from the 14th September till the 7th October, 1912, and afforded the public an opportunity of again appreciating the art work of local students. The members of the Amateur Photographic Society held their exhibition of the season's work in Gallery No. I. from the 27th November, 1912, to the 28th January, 1913, and a considerable number of framed prints were shown. Two exhibitions, which were opened on February 7th, 1913, are still in progress, one being the Annual Spring Exhibition of Artists' Pictures, and the other consisting of examples of Textile Fabrics of various descriptions. The specimens in the latter exhibition have been lent by the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Manchester School of Art and Technical School, and the Rochdale Technical School.

LOANS OF PICTURES.

Applications for the loan of pictures from the Permanent Collection have not been quite so numerous as in previous years, and the opening of the New Galleries prevented the Committee from responding so generously as usual, because it was felt that as many of the permanent pictures as possible should be hung on this occasion.

The following were loaned to the Art Galleries named:—
SUNDERLAND—

"Over the Border," J. MacWhirter, R.A.

Bury-

"Ronda—Spanish Travellers," R. Ansdell, R.A.

NEWCASTLE-

"All hands shorten sail," Frank Brangwyn, A.R.A.

COMMEMORATION TABLETS.

During the year the Committee have fixed two bronze tablets commemorating respectively the "Ogden" Bequest for the purchase of pictures, and the numerous gifts of Mr. Robert Taylor Heape, whose generosity has been so often recorded and without whose help the Committee could not have acquired such an excellent Permanent Collection. Two large boards have also been fixed in prominent positions on which are recorded the names of all donors of important gifts to the Art Gallery, and space is left on them for the recording of future donors.

MUSEUM.

The increased accommodation for the Museum has brought in a large number of gifts, which have added considerably to the collections. The most noteworthy feature of the year's work has been the acquisition of a fair collection of British birds and mammals, the specimens having been acquired by gift and purchase. This exhibit has proved very attractive to all classes of visitors. The re-arrangement of the cases and exhibits necessitated by the additions to the building has given the Committee the opportunity of adopting a more logical arrangement and has enabled rooms to be set aside for definite purposes. Rooms I. and II. are devoted to Natural History; Room III. to Local History and Antiquities; Room IV. to General Archæology, Ethnology and Industrial Art. The Geological collection has been re-labelled and many duplicates removed, and the extensive collection of Prehistoric implements has been re-arranged and entirely re-labelled. The collection of British birds' eggs now requires to be re-arranged on the same system as the birds so that reference from the bird to the egg or vice-versa will be rendered easy. The institution of a Local Room has proved very popular, and is a feature which the public thoroughly appreciates. The wild flower table was maintained during the summer at a high level of excellence and again proved its usefulness. "Popular Talks" were not held on account of the rooms being so much upset during the alterations, but the Committee have decided to arrange a series for the coming summer.

MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION [CONFERENCE.

The Curator attended the 23rd Annual Conference of the Museums Association, which was held at Dublin from the 9th to the 12th July, 1912, on the invitation of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland. Papers of a practical character were read dealing with the management of art galleries and museums, and visits were paid to the museums and art galleries of Dublin.

VISITORS.

The number of visitors during the past twelve months shows an increase of 9,615 on the previous year, the total attendance being 67,681. The increase is largely accounted for by the attendance since the extension was opened, but the falling-off during the other months was not large considering the inconvenience caused by various rooms being closed from time to time. The previous year had also the advantage of a special exhibition in celebration of the Centenary of John Bright, which attracted a large number of visitors.

HENRY FISHWICK, CHAIRMAN.



TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1912-13	Issued. 1911-12
Theology and Philosophy	 957	423	614
Biography	 946	252	241
History and Travels	 3,945	1,711	1,614
Law, Politics, and Commerce	 1,404	381	374
Arts and Science	 2,914	3,377	3,713
Fiction	 164	350	419
Poetry and Drama	 881	264	248
Miscellaneous Literature	 6,337	2,852	2,916
Patent Specifications		1,007	786
	17,548	10,657*	10,925*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	 1,766	20,214	13,916
Total	 . 19,314	30,871	24,841

Days open, 360; Daily average issue, 85.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATI	ION.			No. of Volumes	Volumes 1912-13	Issued. 1911-12
Theology and Philosophy		•••	•••	2,363	1,450	1,538
Biography		•••		3,652	2,242	2,052
History and Travels	•••			5,861	4,683	4,553
Law, Politics, and Commerce				1,190	1,111	1,076
Arts and Science	•••			6,163	10,246	9,896
Fiction				8,311	64,455	73,488
Juvenile Literature	•••			2,429	21,236	19,972
Poetry and Drama	•••			1,335	1,264	1,087
Miscellaneous Literature				7,547	7,868	7,869
Books for the Blind		•••		307	404	408
Total	•••			39,158	114,959	121,939

Days open, 266*; Daily average issue, 432.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1912-13	Issued. 1911-12
Theology and Philosophy	72	44	33
Biography	256	333	242
History and Travels	250	790	498
Law, Politics, and Commerce	131	84	83
Arts and Science	276	813	551
Fiction and Juvenile Literature	2,116	13,121	12,016
Poetry and Drama	102	115	70
Miscellaneous Literature	578	1,726	1,824
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	224	18,780	17,146
Total	4,005	35,806	32,463

Days open, 253; Daily average issue, 141.

TABLE IV.

LIBRARY "TALKS,"

- Feb. 18th, 1913.—Mr. John White—"G. K. Chesterton." Chairman:—Mr. E. L. Taylor.
- March 4th, 1913.—Mr. W. L. Hardman—"Arnold Bennett" Chairman:—Alderman Wilson Dunning, J.P.
- March 25th, 1913.—Dr. S. T. Lord—"Thomas Hardy"

 Chairman:—Councillor J. T. Dawson.

"TALKS" TO JUVENILES.

- March 6th, 1913.—Mr. F. Williamson (Curator)—"The Story of Birds." Chairman:—Mr. J. Mack, Headmaster, Central Council School.
- March 13th, 1913.—Mr. R. J. Gordon, F.L.A. (Chief Librarian)—"The Story of Books." Chairman:—Mr. J. Fothergill, Headmaster, Newbold Council School.
- March 18th, 1913.—Mr. W. Parker, F.G.S.—"The Story of the Hills." Chairman:—Mr. J. E. Shepherd, Headmaster, Spotland Council School.
- March 31st, 1913.—Mr. G. B. Williamson—"The Story of Railways." (Illustrated by Lantern) Chairman:—Mr. J. Jarvie, Headmaster, Meanwood Council School.

TABLE V.

MISCELLANEA.

Catalogues sold	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	1,656
Post Cards sold for books	to be r	eserve	1	•••	•••	461
Number of borrowers		•••	•••	•••	•••	6,718
Number of tickets issued		•••	•••			8,158
Notices sent for books ov	erdue				•••	1,651
Books lost or damaged, a	nd paid	\mathbf{for}	•••	•••		9
Books lost	•••	•••		•••	•••	4
Books withdrawn from cir	rculation		•••	•••		1,544
Books replaced					•••	615
Books re-bound		•••	•••			1,180
Books re-covered		•••				635
Books repaired by staff				•••		6,483
Daily average issue from a	all depart	tments				658
Percentage of fiction issue	d from a	ll depa	rtment	s		42.92
Percentage of fiction i	ssued f	rom (Central	Len	ding	
Library	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	56.06
Daily average attendance	to Readir	ng Reo	ms (es	timate	d)	2,000

TABLE VI.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Adkins, Sir Ryland, W. D., M.P., Northampton.

Anderson, Dr. A. G., Rochdale.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Australia, High Commissioner for, London.

Baker, Miss, Weston-super-Mare.

Baldwin, Miss, Rochdale.

Bibby & Sons, Messrs. J., Liverpool.

Birtwell, R., Rochdale.

Board of Trade, London.

Boothman, Seth, Rochdale.

British Museum Trustees, London.

Canada, High Commissioner for, London.

Carter, Mrs. C., Rochdale.

Cassidy, James, London.

Chief Inspector of Factories, London.

City and Guilds of London Institute, London.

Co-operative Union, Ltd., Manchester.

Covenant Publishing Co., London.

Crane & Co., Messrs. Crane, London.

Daniels, Ltd., Messrs. G. W., London.

Dunning, Alderman W., J.P., Rochdale.

Durning-Lawrence, Sir E., London.

Edinburgh University.

Evans, D., Cardiff.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Rochdale.

Fishwick, Lieut.-Col. H., F.S.A., Rochdale.

Greenwood, F., Rochdale.

Handley, J. E., Rochdale.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

His Majesty's Stationery Office, London.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Incorporated Society of Musicians, Manchester.

International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester.

Johnstone, James N., Buffalo, U.S.A.

Labour Co-Partnership Association, London.

Leech, Sir Bosdin, Family of the late, Timperley.

Lees, James, Rochdale.

Littlewood, Mrs. Walter, Liverpool.

London College of Music, London.

London Directory Co., London.

London University, London.

Macdonald & Co., Messrs. W., London.

"Manchester Courier" Ltd., Manchester.

Mather and Crowther, Messrs., London.

National Union of Teachers, London.

Naval Records Society, London.

New Zealand, Registrar General for, London.

Nield, Jonathan, Eastbourne.

Nova Scotia, Agent General for, London.

Oakley, Rev. G. R., Dearnley.

Ogden, W. Sharp, London.

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., London.

Pennington, W. H., Worsley.

Randle, P., Rochdale.

Richards, Ltd., Messrs. Grant, London.

Robertson & Co., Messrs. G., Australia.

Robinson & Son, Messrs. Thomas, Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Roper-Caldbeck, Major W., London.

Royds, Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Schooling, John Holt, London.

School of Technology, Manchester.

Scranton, Westmore & Co., Messrs., Rochester, New York, U.S.A.

Shepherd, John, Birkenhead.
Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.
Stott, F. W., Rochdale.
Stubbs Publishing Co., Ltd., London.
Taylor, E. Lyon, Rochdale.
Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago, U.S.A.
Thompson & Co., Messrs, W. P., London.
Thomson, J. Maitland, Edinburgh.
Town & Counties Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh.
Trades Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh.
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Victoria University, Manchester.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM: -Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Barrow, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brookline (U.S.A.), Buffalo (U.S.A.), Bury, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chorley, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation (London), Derby, Dundee, Eastbourne, Gateshead, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Hammersmith, Hereford, Horniman Museum (London), Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Knutsford, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Norwich, Nottingham, Perth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Reading, Redruth, Richmond, Runcorn, St. Bride Foundation Institute (London), St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, U.S.A.), Stoke Newington, South Australia, South Shields, Swansea, Todmorden, Tottenham, United States National Museum (U.S.A.), Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York.



TABLE VII.

Periodicals and Magazines supplied to the Libraries.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

News Room.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Post. Daily Chronicle. Daily Dispatch. Daily Graphic. Daily Herald. Daily Mail. Daily News. Daily Telegraph. Irish Times. Leeds Mercury. Liverpool Daily Post. Manchester Courier. Manchester Evening Chronicle. Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian. Morning Leader. Scotsman. Standard. Times. Western Mail. Yorkshire Observer. Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Alliance News.

Amateur Photographer.

*Aspirant.

*Australian Official Journal of Patents.

*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks. Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart

(tri-weekly). *Blackpool Gazette and News.

*Blackpool Herald.

*Blackpool Times.
*Board of Trade Journal.
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette. Bolton Journal and Guardian.

*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory. British Australasian.

*British Weekly.

Bury Times (bi-weekly).

*Canada.

WEEKLY.

*Canadian Mail. Catholic Herald.

Catholic Times and Catholic Opinion

*Christian Science Sentinel.

Church Times. Clarion.

*Clark's Educator.

*Contractor's Record and Municipal

Engineering. *Co-operative News.

Cotton Factory Times.

Drapers' Record.

*Electrical Times.

English Churchman.

English Mechanic.

Farm, Field and Fireside.

Field.

*Freetrader.

Gardening. Graphic.

Health and Strength.

Illustrated London News.

*India.

*Inquirer.

*Investors' Guardian.

* Joyful News.

* Lustice.

Labour Leader.

Labour News.

*Local Government Chronicle.

*Local Government ∫ournal.

*Machinery Market.

Manchester City News.

Manchester Weekly Times.

Mechanical World.

Model Engineer and Electrician.

*Motor Traction.

Municipal Journal. New Age.

Oldham Chronicle.

*Pitman's Journal. *Practical Engineer.

*Present Truth.

Punch.

Railway Review.

WEEKLY.

Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

*Shop Assistant.

Sketch

Sphere.

Sporting and Dramatic News.

Tatler.

Textile Mercury.

Tit-Bits.

T. P.'s Weekly.

Truth.

Weekly Freeman.

*Worcester Herald.

Work.

MONTHLY.

- *Agricultural Economist.
- *Animal World.

*Animals' Friend.

- *Anti-Slavery Reporter, Badminton Magazine.
- *British Columbia Magazine.
- *Catholic Federationist. Century Magazine. Chambers's Journal.

*Civil Service Candidate.

*Conservative and Unionist. Cornhill Magazine.

*Deliverer.

*Ferro-Concrete.

Fry's Magazine. Harper's Magazine.

*Herald of Peace.

*Herald of the Golden Age.

*Home.
*Humanitarian.

*Insurance Agent.

*Jewish Missionary Intelligence.

*Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, Australia.

*Journal of the Incorporated Clerks of Works Association of Great Britain

*Liberal Monthly.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide. Literary World. London Magazine.

Miller.

*Millgate Monthly.

Munsey's Magazine.
*Musicians' Report and Journal.

*Musical Herald. Musical Times.

Nash's Magazine.

*National Church.
Pall Mall Magazine.

MONTHLY.

*Patents.

Pearson's Magazine. Physical Development.

*Positivist Review.

*Railway Clerk. Reporters' Magazine. Royal Magazine.

Script Phonographic Journal. *Shoe Manufacturers' Monthly.

*Socialist.

*Socialist Standard.
Strand Magazine.
Textile Manufacturer.

Textile Recorder.
*Universal Patents Bureau Sales

Journal. Vegetarian.

*Vegetarian Messenger.

*Vulcan.

Wide World Magazine. Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

World's Work. *Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Cambrian. *Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Central.

*Great Eastern. *Great Northern.

*Great Western.

*Highland.

*Hull and Barnsley.

*Lancashire and Yorkshire. *London and North Western.

*London, Brighton and South Coast.

*Midland.

*North British.

*North Eastern.
*North Staffordshire.

Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Room.

DAILY.

Daily News.

*Daily Telegraph.

Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

- *Christian Science Sentinel.
- *Common Cause.

WEEKLY.

Gentlewoman.

Graphic.

Illustrated London News.

Ladies' Field.

Lady.

Lady's Pictorial.

Punch.

Queen.

Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

Sketch.

Tatler.

*Votes for Women.

MONTHLY.

*Awake.

*Band of Hope Review.

*British Workman.

Chambers's Journal.

Chatterbox.

Children's Friend.

Child's Companion. *Christian Science Journal.

*Church Gazette.

*Church Missionary Gleaner.

*Church Missionary Review.

*C. M. S. Gazette.

Delineator.

*East and West. Englishwoman.

*Food and Cookery. Girls' Own Paper.

Home Needlework. Lady's Realm.

London Magazine.

*Millgate Monthly.
*Mission Field.

Nash's Magazine. *Our Own Gazette.

*Our Waifs and Strays.

Pearson's Magazine.

Prize. Quiver.

*Round the World.

St. Nicholas.

Strand Magazine.

Sunday.

Woman at Home.

Reference Department.

WEEKLY.

Academy. Accountant. American Machinist. Architect. Athenæum.

WEEKLY.

*Bookseller.

Builder.

Building News.

Contract Journal.

Economist.

Electrical Review.

Electrician.

Engineer.

Engineering.

Everyman

Guardian.

*Illustrated Journal of Patents.

*Journal of the Royal Society of Arts.

Nation. Nature.

Notes and Queries.

Saturday Review.

Schoolmaster.

Scientific American.

Spectator. Teachers' Aid.

*Trade Marks Journal.

MONTHLY.

Antiquary.

Blackwood's Magazine.

Bookman.

Book Monthly.

British Esperantist.

British Socialist. Cassier's Magazine.

*Christian Science Journal.

Connoisseur.

Contemporary Review.

Country Side Monthly.

*Decorator:

Decorators' and Painters' Magazine.

Dyer and Calico Printer.

*Educational Times.

English Review.

Fortnightly Review.

*Geographical Journal.

Highway.

*I. C. S. Student.

*International Theosophical Chronicle

Investors' Monthly Manual.

Je Sais Tout.

Journal of Education.

Knowledge.

Lancashire Naturalist.

Librarian. Library Association Record.

Library World.

*National Home Reading Union— General Course Magazine. Special Course Magazine. Young People's Magazine.

MONTHLY.

National Review. Naturalist. Nineteenth Century. Review of Reviews. Rochdale Parish Church Magazine. *Socialist Keview. Studio. System.

*Theosophist.

Tramway and Railway World.

*University Correspondent. Westminster Review.

QUARTERLY.

Army List. Economic Review. Edinburgh Review. Hibbert Journal. Manchester Quarterly. Post Office Guide. Quarterly Review. Science Progress. Sociological Review.

*Presented.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Graphic.

Health and Strength.

DAILY.

Daily Dispatch. Daily Herald. Daily Mail. Daily News. Daily Telegraph. Liverpool Courier. Manchester Courier. Manchester Evening Chronicle. Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian. Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Accrington Division Gazette. Accrington Observer and Times. (bi-weekly)

Alliance News.

*Aspirant (fortnightly) Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.

*Board of Trade Journal. Boys' Own Paper. Bury Times (bi-weekly) Catholic Times.

*Christian Science Sentinel. Chums.

Clarion. *Clark's Educator.

*Co-operative News. Cotton Factory Times.

*Drapers' Record. Engineering. English Mechanic. Farm, Field, and Fireside. Garden.

WEEKLY.

Hobbies. Illustrated London News. *Investor's Guardian. Labour Leader. *Machinery Market. Manchester City News. Manchester Weekly Times. Oldham Chronicle. Pitman's Journal. Punch. Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly). Textile Mercury. T. P.'s Weekly. Work.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.

*Animal World.

*Arbitrator.

*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.

*Canada.

Captain.

Cassell's Magazine.

Chambers's Journal.
*Christian Science Journal.

*Church Gazette.

*Faith.

Fry's Magazine.

Highway.

*Insurance Agent.

*I. C. S. Student.

MONTHLY.

- *Journal of the Incorporated Clerks of Works Association of Great Britain.
- *Liberal Monthly.
- *Literary Guide.
- *Liberator.
- London Magazine.
- *National Church. Pearson's Magazine. Review of Reviews. Royal Magazine.
- *Socialist Standard. Strand Magazine.
- Textile Manufacturer.
- *Vegetarian Messenger.
- *White Ribbon.
- Windsor Magazine.
- *Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

- Bradshaw's Guide.
- *Caledonian.
- *Furness.
- *Glasgow and South Western.
- *Great Northern.
- *Great Western.
- *Highland.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

- *Hull and Barnsley.
- *Lancashire and Yorkshire.
- *London and North Western.
- *Midland.
- *North British.
- *North Eastern.
- Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Table.

WEEKLY.

Gentlewoman. Lady's Pictorial. Queen.

MONTHLY

Delineator. Girls' Own Paper. Girls' Realm. Lady's Realm. Quiver. St. Nicholas. Woman at Home.

* Presented.

TABLE VIII.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1912-13.

Month.		Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
APRIL		29	7,708	269
MAY		11	1,789	162
June		30	4,002	133
JULY	•••	31	3,602	119
August		31	4,630	150
September		30	6,407	213
October		20	2,960	148
November		22	2,563	117
December		30	3,817	127
JANUARY		28	3,301	118
FEBRUARY		22	12,064	548
March		30	14,838	494
1912-13		314	67,681	216
1911-12	•••	311	58,066	186
Totals since Op Apri	pening il, 1903	3,035	590,047	194

TABLE IX.

ACQUISITIONS-ART GALLERY.

OIL PAINTINGS.

- "Off Greenwich," W. H. Bartlett, R.O.J.
- "Surrey Hills," Vicat Cole, R.A.
- "Day Dreams," Tito Conti.
- "The Knitting Lesson," P. J. Dierckx.
- "A Venetian Fruit-stall," G. C. Haité, R.I.
- "The Solo," F. D. Hardy.
- "Hunting Scene," Heywood Hardy.
- "Haymaking," B. W. Leader, R.A.
- "The Studio," I. Leon-y-Escosura.
- "The Fountain—Port of Genoa," William Parrott.
- "The Convent Dole," John Phillip, R.A.
- "Experiencia docet," W. Dendy Sadler.

 Presented by Mr. Robert Taylor Heape.
- "A Moorish Market-place," Alberto Pasini. Presented by Mr. J. S. Crompton.
- "Highland Mists," Peter Graham, R.A.
- "Highland Landscape, with Cattle," Peter Graham, R.A.
- "Tric-trac Players," Leopold Carl Muller. Bequeathed by Mr. A. H. Crowther.
- "The Gentleness of Heaven is upon the Sea," F. G. Heath.
- "Summer Flowers," Anderson Hague.
- "The Windmill," Arnold Priestman. Purchased from the funds of the "Ogden Bequest."

PRINTS.

Reproductions of Prints in the British Museum.

Reproductions of illuminated M.S.S. Presented by the Trustees of the British Museum.

SCULPTURE.

- "The Three Graces," Bertel Thorvaldsen (Bas-relief in marble).
- "Jephthah's Daughter," J. Warrington Wood (Statue, marble).

 Presented by Mr. Robert Taylor Heape.

TABLE X.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE MUSEUM.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Butterworth, Miss, Rochdale.

Clegg, John, Rochdale.

Clegg, Thomas, Rochdale.

Coates, Mrs. John, Rochdale.

Dawson, H., Rochdale.

Dunning, Ald. Wilson, Rochdale

Emmott, H., Rochdale.

Entwistle, Mrs., Rochdale.

Fishwick, Miss Janet, Rochdale.

Grindrod, J. A., Rochdale.

Handley, J. Edgar, Rochdale.

Heape, Charles, F.R.G.S., Rochdale.

Heape, Richard, Rochdale.

Herron, Miss, Rochdale.

Higgins, H., Rochdale.

Holt, H., Rochdale.

Howarth, B., Rochdale.

Jewell, L. C., Rochdale.

King, W. H., Rochdale.

Leach, Geo. B., Greenbooth.

Lee, T., Rochdale.

Lord, B., Rochdale.

Lord, Willie, Rochdale.

Lord, Dr. S. T., Castleton.

Mackendrick, Dr. T. B., Rochdale.

Maxim, J. L., M.Sc., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Mills, W. A., Rochdale.

Ormerod, Coun. J. P., Rochdale.

Osbaldeston, W., Rochdale.

Parker, J., Rochdale.

Peters, J. F., Manchester.

Philippi, Col. T. R., Llandudno.

Platt, S S., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Ratcliffe, A., Dearnley.

Reynoldson, J. W., Richmond.

Robinson, Mrs. S. C., Liverpool.

Rochdale Amateur Photographic Society.

Schofield, Arnold, Stubley.

Schofield, C. W., Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Sharrocks, Mrs., Rochdale.

Simpson, R., Rochdale.

Smith, Mrs., Rochdale.

Sunderland, J. W., Norden.

Sutcliffe, W. H., F.G.S., Littleborough.

Taylor, T., Rochdale.

Taylor, W., Whitworth.

Teague, R., New Zealand.

Thompson, T., Delph.

Watkinson, Mrs., Rochdale.

Williams, A., Leamington.

Williamson, F., Rochdale.

Williamson, G., Rochdale.



TABLE XI.

LOANS TO THE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

- Oil Paintings:—"Beyond Man's Footsteps," Briton Riviere, R.A.; "Renunciation of St. Elizabeth," P. 11. Calderon. Lent by the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art.
- Four cases and forty-six framed examples of Textile Fabrics. Lent by the Victoria and Albert Museum.
- Seventy framed examples of Textile Fabrics. Lent by the Corporation of Manchester.
- Thirteen framed examples of Textile Fabrics. Lent by the Rochdale Technical School.
- Twenty views on the Manchester and Leeds Railway, 1845; Twenty-nine Views of the Old Halls of Lancashire and Cheshire, 1821-24. Lent by Mr. D. Wigglesworth.
- Three Oil Paintings:—"Belfield Hall"; "Clegg Hall"; "Old Cottages in Heights Lane." Lent by the Artist, Miss Janet Fishwick.
- Oil Painting taken from the wall of an old house called "The Baum." Lent by Mr. E. B. Petrie.
- "Rochdale Parish Church, 1848," lithograph by W. Physick. Lent by Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.
- Two water colour drawings:—"Farmhouse at Healey"; "17th Century Porch at Fern Hill." Lent by the Artist, Mr. Edward Mead.
- Collection of "Pitt" Club Medals. Lent by Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B.
- Collection of British sea-weeds. Lent by Mrs. Pratt.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS



Year ended 31st March, 1913.

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Statement of Accounts,

A CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OF					
Expenditure.	£	s. d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	599	11 11			
Gas, Electric Current, Water, Coke, &c	156	14 8			
Books	291	18 10			
Newspapers and Periodicals	127	0 7			
Bookbinding	88	10 2			
Printing and Stationery	90 1	12 10	1		
Repairs and Sundries	110	16 8			
Advertising, Stamps, &c	29 1	10 6			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.	308	12 3	1803	8	5
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY	Y.		1		
Wages	66	2 0			
Gas, Water, Coke, &c.	50	2 10			
Bool s	6	2 11			
Newspapers and Periodicals	31	11 5			
Repairs and Sundries	61	4 8			
•			215	3	10
ART GALLERY AND MUSEU.	M.				
Salary and Wages	233	14 10			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	272	17 10			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	52				
Repairs and Sundries		19 11			
Museum Specimens	13	19 8			
Loan of Specimens	2	10 0			
Electric Current	9	4 2			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	442	14 5			
3			1305	14	5
			1		
Capital Account—					
Purchase of Pictures	1 :	10 6			
Salaries	197	19 0			
Furniture, &c	105	3 9	004	10	
			304	13	3
			0000	10	
		£	3628	19	11

Year ending March 31st, 1913.

Income.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Borough Rate—						
Amount Received				3077	0	0
Fines and Fees	77	13	2			
Cards, Catalogues, &c	26		8	104		10
_				104	4	10
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.						
Fines, Cards, Catalogues, &c.		17				
Hire of Room	10	0	0	20	17	10
			1			
				3202	2	8
ADD GALLEDY AND WINGENIA						
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.						
Catalogues, &c	21 5	13 5	9			
Re-production Rights	1	1	0			
_				27	19	9
				3230	2	5
Deficiency				398	17	6
·						
				1		
			£	3628	19	11
			L	3020	13	11

Memoranda.

Population of the Borough, 1912—91,437.

Net Rateable Value—£427,729.

Product of Rate—£3,077.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened--1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened-1903.

Present Curator Appointed—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened 1905.

Present Librarian Appointed-1911.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened-1913.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1913-1914.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

ROCHDALE:

E. Wrigley & Sons Limited, Printers, Acker Street.

1914.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1913-1914.

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Junior Assistants ... W. KERSHAW, E. BOTTOMLEY

N. Dykes.

Evening Assistant ... H. GIBBINS.

Caretakers M. HIND, R. SLATER.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Hon, Art Adviser ... Tom Mostyn, Esq.

Curator ... FREDERICK WILLIAMSON.

Caretaker ... W. RHODES.

Cleaner ... Mrs. W. RHODES.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1913-1914.

To His Worship the Mayer, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rechdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following report of their work for the year ending 31st March, 1914.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

All departments of the Library service have been of increased use to the public.

During the year under review the re-classification of the Lending Libraries' stock has proceeded, and several thousand volumes have been so dealt with. The work must of necessity be a prolonged one, and such that it can only be proceeded with as pressure of administrative work allows.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries available for public use is 63,782, exclusive of the complete set of Patent Specifications and a number of Parliamentary and other papers. The Central Lending Library contains 39,782 volumes, the Central Reference Library 18,064 volumes, the Central Boys' Library 1,761 volumes, and the Castleton Branch Library 4,175 volumes.

The additions to stock during the year numbered 1,843 volumes, which were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library		1,121 volumes
Central Reference Library		516 ,,
Castleton Branch Library		206 ,,
	_	
	TOTAL	1,843 ,,
	_	

These additions were selected by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, and the necessity of obtaining books likely to be of permanent interest was kept in view. The Reference Library has been considerably increased in value by the addition during the year of many encyclopædic reference works of high merit and utility.

The Lending Libraries' stock has needed considerable additions, which have been made necessary by the somewhat heavy withdrawal of books worn out by use. The recommendations of readers have been given careful consideration by the Sub-Committee, and as far as possible books recommended have been purchased.

DONATIONS.

The Committee have tendered their cordial thanks to the donors of 631 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year. Of particular value and interest were the set of Historical Manuscripts Commission volumes given by Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B.; the MS assessment for the relief of the poor in the parish of Rochdale, 1763, 1789-1790, given by Mr. Councillor J. P. Ormerod; the local prints given by Mr. Richard Heape, J.P.; and the lantern slides illustrating the works of John Collier (Tim Bobbin) presented by Mr. Isaac Renshaw. The donations also included the cinematograph films of the visit paid to Rochdale by Their Majesties the King and Queen, the gift of Mr. J. Jackson, Senr.

ISSUES.

The total recorded circulation for the year from all departments was **192,329**, as compared with 181,636 for the previous year, an increase of **10,693** volumes issued.

By Departments the circulation was:—	1913-1914	1912-1913		
Central Lending Library	. 115,497		114,959	
Central Reference Library	. 11,242		10,657	
Central Boys' Library	. 22,083		20,214	
Castleton Branch Lending Library			35,806	
*Delivery Stations (3)				
Total	. 192,329		181,636	

^{*} Open four months only.

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E	By Classes the circulation was:—		
	F	1913-1914	1912-1913
	A.—Theology, Philosophy	1,999	 1,917
	B.—Biography		 2,827
	C.—History, Travels		 7,184
	D.—Law, Politics and Commerce	1,420	 1,576
	E.—Arts, Science	14,225	 14,436
	F.—Fiction	83,075	 77,966
	G.—Poetry, Drama	2,000	 1,643
	H.—Miscellaneous		 12,446
	I.—Books for the Blind	390	 404
	J.—Juvenile Literature	64,935	 60,230
	P.—Patent Specifications	788	 1,007

The increased circulation in all departments of the Libraries is particularly gratifying to your Committee, and indicative of keener interest generally of the community served by the Libraries.

Total

192,329

181,636

BORROWERS.

During the year 2,631 tickets were issued to borrowers. The total number of tickets in use is 10,010. This number comprises 6,125 ordinary tickets, 1,679 supplementary tickets, and 2,206 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 8,331.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The most important feature of the year has been the inauguration of Delivery Stations to supply the needs of the out-lying districts of the Borough. The Committee felt an attempt should be made to extend the usefulness of the library system, and to this end sanctioned the opening of three Delivery Stations in various parts of the Borough for a period of twelve months. As will be seen from Table IV, the use of the stations has been such that there is every promise of them being successful. Delivery Stations, whilst not the equal of branch libraries, are useful auxiliaries to the library system, and the stations opened have attracted readers not hitherto enrolled at the Central Library.

BINDING. WITHDRAWALS.

1,332 volumes were bound under contract during the year. Minor repairs to the number of 5,081 were made by the staff, and 357 volumes were re-covered.

564 volumes were withdrawn from circulation and discarded as worn out. 874 volumes were replaced by new copies.

OVERDUES.

1,558 applications were made through the post for books overdue, and 48 personal visits were made by the staff for the purpose of locating borrowers who had left their registered addresses. 5 volumes were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines to the amount of £84 19s. 0d, were received from borrowers for the detention of books. 20 volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers, and penalties to the amount of £1 12s. 6d. were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS, CATALOGUES.

A reprint of the Fiction Catalogue published last year was issued this year. A classified catalogue of books added to the Central Lending Library from June, 1912, to May, 1913, was also published. A list of books contained in the Central Library relating to the textile industries was published and distributed free to borrowers. Textile students found the list to be of service to them, and the supply was quickly exhausted. The Juvenile Catalogue, sanction for which was given last year, is nearing completion, and it is hoped it will be published this next summer.

Various "reading lists" were again compiled, including lists on Astronomy, the Land Question, and on the subject matter of the Library "Talks."

The classified list of additions to the Lending Libraries has appeared monthly in the "Rochdale Observer," and the "Rochdale Times," through the courtesy of their proprietors, and continues to be of much value.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

The series of "Talks" to adults and juveniles initiated last year was continued in the winter months of this year, and has proved of value to those attending them and to the Libraries. The interest in the "Talks" has been well maintained, and it is probable that they will become a permanent feature of the libraries activities. The series to juveniles was this session transferred from the Boys' Reading Room to one of the rooms in the Art Gallery. In this way more accommodation was provided, which was in every way more suitable. Lists of books bearing on the subjects of the "Talks" were provided for each child, and the books listed were well in demand. The thanks of the Committee have been accorded to the lecturers and the chairmen of the meetings.

BOOK EXHIBITIONS.

With the purpose of introducing the public to the many valuable and beautiful books contained in the Reference Library a series of book exhibitions was arranged for in one of the Museum rooms. The exhibitions, which were held on the Saturday of each week concurrent with the Spring Exhibition of Pictures, proved of continual interest to visitors, and many expressions of pleasure and surprise that the Libraries contained such books were heard.

VISITS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Committee were pleased to grant permission to Head Masters of local schools to visit the Central Library with parties of scholars to obtain instruction on the use of the library and the working of the library system from members of the staff. The Committee feel that mutual advantage can be obtained by such visits, and hope to receive more applications this next year.

HOLIDAY READING.

During the holiday months of July and August the Committee authorised the issue, on request, of an extra book to borrowers leaving the town on holidays. The experiment was appreciated by many, and over 300 books were so issued. It is likely that the privilege will be given a further trial in the coming summer.

LIBRARY CONFERENCES.

The Chief Librarian attended the 36th Annual Meeting of the Library Association, held at Bournemouth, from the 2nd to the 5th September, 1913, and submitted a report of the proceedings to the Committee. The North Western Branch of the Library Association, on the invitation of the Committee, held one of their meetings at Rochdale on the 14th November, 1913, when some 60 members attended. After inspection of the Central Library and an exhibition of new books kindly loaned by the chief publishing houses, His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Charles Redfern, J.P.), on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the delegates to Rochdale. The following papers were read, "Some Lancashire diaries," by the Chairman (Lieut.-Col. Henry Fishwick, F.S.A.); "Public Libraries and the censorship of novels," by Mr. G. T. Shaw, Chief Librarian, Liverpool; and "Library lectures," by your Chief Librarian. After discussion of the papers the delegates were entertained to tea by the Committee. A successful meeting closed with votes of thanks to His Worship the Mayor and the Committee.

The Chairman and Chief Librarian represented the Committee at a dinner given in London on the 2nd June, 1913, by the Library Association to Mr. Andrew Carnegie, LL.D., in recognition of his many gifts to Public Libraries.

Your Chief Librarian has been elected a member of the Council of the North Western Branch of the Library Association.

BYE-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee have revised the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and have submitted them to you for approval.

BUILDINGS.

All the buildings are in good structural condition. Minor repairs were carried out to the Central Library buildings, and the ventilation of the upper rooms at the Castleton Branch Library was improved.

STAFF.

No changes have taken place in the staff during the year. At the examination held last May by the Library Association, F. Helliwell and C. Stott obtained the certificate for Classification. The following certificates are now held by the staff:—

Classification—F. Helliwell, C. Stott.
Cataloguing—F. Helliwell, C. Stott.
Library History and Organisation—F. Helliwell.
Library Administration—F. Helliwell, C. Stott & W. Kershaw.

THE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

PERMANENT COLLECTION.

Additions to the Permanent Collection continue to be made both by gift and purchase, and oil paintings other than portraits now number one hundred and thirty-eight. Two water-colour drawings have been acquired, but the number of works in this medium is still small. Mr. Samuel Tweedale presented a fine oil painting by August Holmberg, a Bavarian artist, entitled "The Connoisseur," which formed part of the McCulloch Collection sold at Christic's in May, 1913. From Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B., has been received a "Portrait of J. Griffith Dearden, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Rochdale," painted by John Charlton. Your Committee has purchased four works from the Spring Exhibition of 1914, viz.:—"The Stream at Lamorna," by S. J. Lamorna Birch (oil); "Tin Ghaut," by Walter Emsley (water colour); "Amen Corner, Rochdale," by Frank L. Emanuel (pen-and-ink); and "Christ at Jerusalem," by William Shackleton (oil). The last-named was purchased from the funds of the Ogden Bequest.

EXHIBITIONS.

The usual Spring Exhibition of Modern Pictures was held from the 7th February to the 14th May, 1913, and it was visited by 39,671 persons, which constitutes a record attendance for such an exhibition. This large number is accounted for by the fact that it was held in galleries

newly opened to the public, which enabled the pictures to be better displayed, and in themselves no doubt attracted a number of visitors. Concurrently with the Spring Exhibition an exhibition of Textile Fabrics was held in the Museum, the exhibits being received on loan from the South Kensington Museum, the Manchester School of Art and the Rochdale Technical School. From July 25th to September 29th, 1913, was exhibited a series of pencil sketches, chiefly of Holland and the Northumberland coast, by Mr. George Horton, of South Shields. School of Art Students and Sketching Club held their annual joint exhibition in the galleries from September 20th to October 12th. this exhibition your Committee lent fifty frames for the display of drawings, and these added greatly to the effectiveness of the exhibits. The Seventh Annual Exhibition of Framed Pictures by members of the Amateur Photographic Society was held in Gallery No. III. from November 26th, 1913, to January 18th, 1914. The Spring Exhibition of 1914 is still in progress.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The additional picture galleries and museum rooms have been in use over twelve months, and have proved valuable to the work of the institution. The improved facilities for receiving and dealing with pictures intended for exhibition have permitted the opening of the buildings on 362 days in comparison with an annual average of 303 for the previous ten years. The good natural lighting and increased space have added much to the effectiveness of the various exhibitions, and at the same time the Permanent Collection has been continually on view instead of being stored away for some months in each year.

LOANS OF PICTURES.

Pictures from the Permanent Collection have been lent during the year to the following public art galleries:—

OLDHAM :-

"Tric Trac Players," by L. C. Muller.

"The Knitting Lesson," by P. J. Dierckx.

NOTTINGHAM :--

"Over the Border," by J. McWhirter, R.A.

PUBLICATIONS.

Catalogues of the Spring Exhibition were published, of which 2,600 were sold. This also contained a list of the pictures in the Permanent Collection. Three papers reprinted from the Transactions of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society have been published as Museum Handbooks. They are respectively "The Flora of the Rochdale district," by F. Williamson (Curator); "Birds of the Rochdale district," by F. Williamson and W. Lord; and "Querns of the Rochdale district," by J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S. These handbooks are sold at a low price, and should be of much value to local students and visitors to the Museum.

MUSEUM.

The Museum collections have received numerons additions during the year. The British birds eggs have been re-arranged in accordance with the same classification as the stuffed birds, so that reference from the one series to the other is much simpler than before. A gift of 525 specimens of British eggs from Miss Vansittart of London, has made that collection much more complete. The British mammals and birds have had many additions, which have helped to reduce the considerable gaps in the list. Attention should be drawn to the fine example of an Oriental table lent to the Museum by Mr. R. W. Schofield.

MUSEUM "TALKS."

In 1905 the Rochdale Education Guild inaugurated Museum "Talks" during the summer months, and continued the series each year until 1912, when, owing to building operations facilities for their continuance were lacking. During the year your Committee have re-instituted these "Talks," which have proved quite successful. There was an average attendance of over 30 at each "Talk," and a wider audience was reached by the newspaper reports, so that they constitute a valuable media for making known the contents of the Museum. A list of those given during 1913 will be found among the tables which follow.

MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.

Your Curator attended the Museums Association Conference, held at Hull, from the 14th to the 18th July, 1913, and submitted a report of the proceedings to your Committee. Papers of a valuable technical character were read and visits were paid to various art galleries and museums.

VISITORS.

The attendance during the year ending 31st March, 1914, constitutes a record, the total being 86,821. The Art Gallery and Museum was open 362 days, giving a daily average of 240 against an average of 216 for 314 days on the previous year, and a total 67,681, showing an increase on the latter figure of 19,140.

HENRY FISHWICK, CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1913-14	Issued. 1912-13
Theology and Philosophy	 982	491	423
Biography	 956	226	252
History and Travels	 4,210	1,757	1,711
Law, Politics, and Commerce	 1,412	[358	381
Arts and Science	 3,006	3,180	3,377
Fiction	 164	234	390
Poetry and Drama	 882	264	264
Miscellaneous Literature	 6,452	3,944	2,852
Patent Specifications		788	1,007
	18,064	11,242*	10,657*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	 1,761	22,083	20,214
Total	 19,825	33,325	30,871

Days open, 362; Daily average issue, 92.

* Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on oren shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION	ON.		No. of Volumes	Volumes 1913-14	Issued. 1912-13
Theology and Philosophy			 2,394	1,387	1,450
Biography			 3,710	1,990	2,242
History and Travels			 5,998	4,384	4,683
Law, Politics, and Commerce			 1,224	(953	1,111
Arts and Science	•••		 6,458	9,912	10,246
Fiction			 8,210	67,529	64,455
Juvenile Literature	•••		 2,476	20,193	21,236
Poetry and Drama			 1,375	1,518	1,264
Miscellaneous Literature			 7,630	7,241	7,868
Books for the Blind		•••	 307	390	±04
Total			 39,782	115,497	114,959

Days open, 267*; Daily average issue, 432.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1913-14	Issued. 1912-13
Theology and Philosophy	74	39	44
Biography	257 ·	277	333
History and Travels	266	993	790
Law, Politics, and Commerce	137	79	84
Arts and Science	313	972	813
Fiction and Juvenile Literature	2,191	12,833	13,121
Poetry and Drama	109	195	115
Miscellaneous Literature	610	2,118	1,726
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	218	21,060	18,780
Total	4,175	38,566	35,806

Days open, 255; Daily average issue, 151.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

				Vo	olumes issu 1913-14.	ed
CLASSIFICATION.				Healey	Lower- place	Small- bridge
Theology and Philosophy				7	19	56
Biography			•••	22	43	34
History and Travels		•••		109	60	111
Law, Politics, and Commerce			•••	1	23	6
Arts and Science	• • •	•••		34	£5	62
Fiction			•••	702	806	971
Poetry and Drama		• • •	•••	1	18	4
Miscellaneous Literature		•••		13	39	136
Juvenile Literature				597	705	297
				1,486	1,778	1,677
Total	•••		•••		4,941	.

Average Days open, 94; Daily average issue, 17.

TABLE V.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

- October 21st, 1913 ... Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson, "John Galsworthy."

 Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon.
- November 18th, 1913 ... Mr. Norman Scott, "Joseph Conrad." Chairman:—Mr. E. L. Taylor.
- December 16th, 1913 ... Mr. James Henighan, "Hendrik Ibsen." Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
- January 13th, 1914 ... Mr. J. E. Holden, "Israel Zangwill." Chairman:—Mr. I. Renshaw.
- February 10th, 1914 ... Mr. John Priestnall, M.A., "John Masefield." Chairman:—Mr. Councillor C. H. Bryning.
- March 10th, 1914 ... Mr. E. Stenhouse, B.Sc., "H. G. Wells." Chairman:—Mr. Alderman W. Dunning, J.P.

"TALKS" TO JUVENILES.

- October 14th, 1913 ... Mr. C. Stott (Senior Assistant), "A Voyage on a Trawler." Chairman:—Mr. J. White, Parish Church School.
- November 11th, 1913 ... Mr. T. Clegg, "How animals breathe." Chairman :—Mr. T. L. Roberts, St. Mary's School.
- December 9th, 1913 ... Mr. W. Smalley, "Pond life." Chairman:—Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., Parish Church School.
- January 20th, 1914 ... Dr. S. T. Lord, "The Story of the Sky."

 Chairman:—Mr. J. Brown, Oakenrod
 Council School.
- February 17th, 1914 ... Mr. J. T. Grindrod, "The Story of the Cinematograph." Chairman:—Mr. A. E. Johnson, Cronkeyshaw Council School.
- March 17th, 1914 ... Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., "The Story of the hills around." Chairman:—Mr. R. Worthy, Lowerplace Council School.

All the Juvenile "Talks" were illustrated by lantern slides.

TABLE VI.

MISCELLANEA.

Catalogues sold	•••		883
Post Cards sold for books to be reserved		• • •	515
Number of borrowers	•••		8,331
Number of tickets issued	•••		2,631
Books lost or damaged, and paid for	•••		20
Books lost	•••		5
Books withdrawn from circulation	• • •	• • •	564
Books replaced			874
Books re-bound	•••	• • •	1,332
Books re-covered			357
Books repaired by staff	•••	•••	5,081
Daily average issue from all departments			788
`Percentage of fiction issued from Central		ding	
Library	• • •	• • • •	58.46
Percentage of fiction issued from all department	S	•••	43.19
Daily average attendance to Reading Rooms (est	imate	d)	2,000

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Allen, Mrs. J., Ilfracombe.

Anderson, Dr. A. G., Rochdale.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Atkinson, George, Rochdale.

Australia, High Commissioner for, London.

Baldwin, Miss, Rochdale.

Baron, William, Rochdale.

Board of Trade, London.

Boothman, Seth, Rochdale.

Bristol Printing Co. Ltd., Bristol.

British Museum Trustees, London.

Buxton, N., London.

Canada, High Commissioner for, London.

Carson & Comerford, Messrs., London.

City and Guilds of London Institute, London.

Clegg, James, Rochdale.

Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester.

Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., Manchester.

Durham University.

Edinburgh University.

Emmott, H., Rochdale.

Faragher, J. J., Liverpool.

Fishwick, Lieut.-Col. H., F.S.A., Rochdale.

Foulke, W. D., Richmond, U.S.A.

Fryer, Dr. A. C., Bristol.

Gartside, V., Milnrow.

Green, F. E., Newdigate, Surrey.

Hall, Miss S. E., London.

Hardman, R., Rochdale.

Hartley, J. R., Rochdale.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Howorth, Sir Henry H., London.

Hull, Corporation of the City of.

International Federation of Master Spinners' & Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester.

Jackson, J., Senr., Rochdale.

Kegan Paul & Co., Messrs., London

Lawton, H., Rochdale.

Lees, J., Rochdale.

Le Roy, Mme. Soyez, Lille, France. Library of Congress, Washington,

U.S.A.

London College of Music.

London Directory Co. Ltd., London.

Longmans, Green & Co., Messrs., London.

Lord, Dr. S. T., Castleton.

Lucas, Arthur, London.

Macmillan & Co. Ltd., London.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., London.

Marsh, H. M., Hamilton, Canada.

Mather & Crowther Ltd., Messrs., London.

Maxim, J. L., F.G.S., Rochdale.

National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution, London.

National Union of Teachers, London.

New Zealand, Registrar General for, London.

Oakley, Rev. G. R., Rochdale.

Ormerod, Councillor J.P., Castleton.

Page, G. A., London.

Parker, W. A., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., London.

Platt, S. S., F,G.S., Rochdale.

Rationalist Press Association Ltd., London.

Renshaw, Isaac, Rochdale.

Robertson, W., Rochdale.

Robinson, J. S., Rochdale.

Rochdale Housing Reform Council, Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary & Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Royds, Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

Shepherd, H. E., Rochdale.

Smith, Wéllen, West Dulwich.

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

South Australia, Agent General for, London.

Stenhouse, T., Rochdale.

Stuart, Mrs. J., Norwich.

Stubbs Publishing Co. Ltd., London.

Sutcliffe, W. H., F.G.S., Little-borough.

Tariff Commission, London.

Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago, U.S.A.

Theosophical Publishing Society London.

Tonic Sol-fa College, London.

Town Clerk, London.

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

University Correspondence College, London.

University Tutorial Press, Cambridge.

Victoria University, Manchester.

Wadsworth, A. P., Rochdale.

Woolfenden, R., Rochdale.

Working Men's and Institute Union, London

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM: -Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian Library, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton Bristol, Bromley, Brookline (U.S.A.), Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carnegie Institute (U.S.A.), Cheltenham, Chorley, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation (London), Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Eccles, Gateshead, Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.Λ.) Lincoln, Liverpool, Lloyd Library (Cincinatti, U.S.A.), Manchester, Middlesborough, Nelson, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Ontario, Paisley, Pittsburgh (U.S.A.), Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, R.I. (U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Redruth, Richmond, Runcorn, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, U.S.A.), Stoke Newington, South Australia State Library, South Shields, Todmorden, Tottenham, Twickenham, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, West Bromwich, Westminster. Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Windsor, Worcester, York.

TABLE VIII.

Periodicals and Magazines supplied to the Libraries.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

News Room.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Post. Christian Science Monitor Daily Chronicle. Daily Citizen. Daily Dispatch. Daily Graphic. Daily Herald. Daily Mail. Daily News and Leader. Daily Telegraph. Irish Times. Leeds Mercury. Liverpool Daily Post. Manchester Courier. Manchester Evening Chronicle. Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian. Scotsman. Standard. Times. Western Mail.

WEEKLY.

Yorkshire Observer.

Yorkshire Post.

Church Times.

Alliance News.
Amateur Photographer.
*Aspirant. (fortnightly)
*Australian Official Journal of Patents.
*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks.
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart (tri-weekly).
*Board of Trade Journal.
Bolton Journal and Guardian.
British Weekly.
Bury Times.
Canada.
*Canadian Mail.
Catholic Herald.
Catholic Times and Catholic Opinion

*Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering.

*Co-operative News.
Cotton Factory Times.
Drapers' Record.

*Educator.
English Churchman.
English Mechanic.

Ergish Mechanic.
Era.
Farm, Field and Fireside.
Field.

*Freetrader.
Gardening.
Graphic.
Grocer.
Health and S

Health and Strength.
Illustrated London News.
*Inquirer.

*Investors' Guardian.
*Joyful News.
*Justice.

Labour Leader.
Labour News.

*Local Government Chronicle. *Local Government Journal.

*Machinery Market.
Manchester City News.
Manchester Weekly Times.
Mechanical World.

Miller.

Model Engineer and Electrician.

*Motor Traction.
Municipal Journal.
New Age.
Oldham Chronicle.

*Pitman's Journal.
*Practical Engineer.

*Present Truth.
Punch.

Railway Review. Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

*Shop Assistant. Sketch

Sphere.

Sporting and Dramatic News.

WEEKLY.

Tatler. Textile Mercury. T. P.'s Weekly. Truth. Weekly Freeman.

*Worcester Herald. Work.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist,

*Animal World.

*Animals' Friend.

*Anti-Slavery Reporter.

*Arbitrator.

Badminton Magazine.

*Board of Trade Labour Gazette. *Catholic Federationist.

Chambers's Journal. *Civil Service Candidate.

Cornhill Magazine.

*Forester's Miscellany. Fry's Magazine. Harper's Magazine. *Herald of Peace.

*Herald of the Golden Age.

*Home.

*Humanitarian. *Individualist.

*Jewish Missionary Intelligence. * Journal of the Department of Agri-

culture of Victoria, Australia.

*Junior Unionist. *Liberal Monthly.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide. Literary World. London Magazine. Miller.

*Millgate Monthly. Munsey's Magazine.

*Musicians' Report and Journal.

*Musical Herald. Musical Times. Nash's Magazine. *National Church. *Our Flag.

Outing.

Pall Mall Magazine.

*Patents.

Pearson's Magazine. Physical Culture.

*Plumbing Trade Journal.

*Positivist Review.

*Primrose League Gazette. *Queensland Government Mining

Journal. *Railway Clerk. Reporters' Magazine. Royal Magazine.

MONTHLY.

Scribner's Magazine. Script Shorthand Journal. *Shoe Manufacturers' Monthly.

*Socialist.

*Socialist Standard. *State Correspondent. Strand Magazine. Textile Manufacturer.

Textile Recorder.

*Universal Patents Bureau Sales Journal.

Vegetarian.

*Vegetarian Messenger.

*Vulcan.

*War and Peace.

Wide World Magazine. Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

World's Work.

*Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Cambrian. *Cook's Ocean Sailing List.

*Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Central. *Great Eastern.

*Great Northern.

*Great North of Scotland.

*Great Western. *Highland.

*Hull and Barnsley.

*Lancashire and Yorkshire. *London and North Western.

*London and South Western.

*London, Brighton and South Coast. *Midland.

*North British.

*North Eastern.

*North Staffordshire. *Traveller's Gazette.

Wrigley's Local Railway and Tram-

way Time Tables.

Ladies' Room.

DAILY.

Daily News. *Daily Telegraph. Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

*Common Cause. Gentlewoman. Graphic.

WEEKLY.

Illustrated London News. Ladies' Field.

Lady.

Lady's Pictorial.

Punch.

Oueen. Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly).

Rochdale Times (bi-weekly). Sketch.

*Suffragette.

Tatler. *Votes for Women.

MONTHLY.

*Awake.

*Band of Hope Review.

*British Workman.

Chambers's Journal Chatterbox

Children's Friend. Child's Companion.

*Christian Science Journal.

*Church Gazette.

*Church Missionary Gleaner.

*Church Missionary Review. *C. M. S. Gazette.

Delineator.

*East and West. Englishwoman.

*Food and Cookery. Girls' Own Paper. Lady's Realm. London Magazine.

*Millgate Monthly. *Mission Field.

Nash's Magazine.

*Our Own Gazette.

*Our Waifs and Strays. Pearson's Magazine. Prize.

Ouiver.

*Round the World. St. Nicholas. Strand Magazine. Sunday. Woman at Home.

Reference Department.

WEEKLY.

Academy. Accountant. American Machinist. Architect. Athenæum. Bookseller. Builder. Building News.

WEEKLY.

*Certificate Examiner.

*Chemical Engineering.

Contract Journal Economist.

Electrical Review.

Electrician.

Engineer. Engineering.

Everyman *Ferro-Concrete.

Guardian.

*Illustrated Journal of Patents.

*Journal of the Royal Society of Arts. Nation.

Nature.

Notes and Queries.

Saturday Review. Schoolmaster.

Scientific American. Spectator.

Teachers' Aid.

*Trade Marks Journal.

MONTHLY.

Antiquary.

Blackwood's Magazine.

Bookman.

Book Monthly. British Esperantist.

*British Socialist.

Cassier's Engineering Monthly.

*Christian Science Journal.

Connoisseur. Contemporary Review.

Country Side Monthly. *Decorator.

Decorators' and Painters' Magazine.

Dyer and Calico Printer.

*Educational Times. English Review.

Fortnightly Review. *Geographical Journal.

Highway.

*I. C. S. Student.

*International Theosophical Chronicle.

Investors' Monthly Manual. Je Sais Tout.

Journal of Education.

Knowledge.

Lancashire Naturalist.

Librarian. Library Association Record.

Library World.

*National Home Reading Union-

General Course Magazine. Special Course Magazine. Young People's Magazine.

National Review.

MONTHLY.

Naturalist.
Nineteenth Century.
Review of Reviews.
Rochdale Parish Church Magazine.
Studio.
System.
*Theosophist.

Tramway and Railway World. *University Correspondent.

QUARTERLY.

Army List.
Economic Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Hibbert Journal.
Manchestei Quarterly.
Post Office Guide.
Quarterly Review.
Science Progress.
Socialist Review.
Sociological Review.

*Presented.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DAILY.

*Christian Science Monitor.

Daily Citizen.

Daily Dispatch. Daily Herald.

Daily Mail

Daily News.

Daily Telegraph. Liverpool Courier.

Manchester Courier.

Manchester Evening Chronicle.

Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian.

Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Accrington Division Gazette.
Accrington Observer and Times.
(bi-weekly)

Alliance News.

Hobbies.

*Aspirant (fortnightly)
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart
(tri-weekly).

*Board of Trade Journal. Bury Times (bi-weekly) Catholic Times. Clarion.

*Co-operative News. Cotton Factory Times. Drapers' Record.

*Educator.
Engineering.
English Mechanic.
Farm, Field, and Fireside.
Garden.
Graphic.
Health and Strength.

WEEKLY.

Illustrated London News.

Labour Leader.

*Machinery Market.

Manchester City News.

Manchester Weekly Times

Manchester Weekly Times. Oldham Chronicle.

Pitman's Journal.

Punch.

Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

Textile Mercury. T. P.'s Weekly.

Work.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.

*Animal World.

*Arbitrator.

*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.

*Boy's Own Paper.

*Canada. Captain.

Cassell's Magazine.

Chambers's Journal.

*Christian Science Journal.

Chums.

*Church Gazette. Fry's Magazine.

Highway.

*I. C. S. Student.

*Junior Unionist.

*Liberal Monthly.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide.

London Magazine.

*National Church.
Pearson's Magazine.
Review of Reviews.

MONTHLY.

Royal Magazine.

*Socialist Standard. Strand Magazine.

System.

Textile Manufacturer.

*Vegetarian Messenger. Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

*Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

- *Caledonian.
- *Furness.
- *Glasgow and South Western.
- *Great Northern.
 *Great North of Scotland.
- *Great Western.
- *Highland.
- *Hull and Barnsley.
- *Lancashire and Yorkshire.
- *London and North Western.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

- *London and South Western.
- *Midland.
- *North British.
- *North Eastern.
- Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Table.

WEEKLY.

Gentlewoman. Lady's Pictorial. Queen.

MONTHLY

Delineator. Girl's Own Paper.

Girl's Realm. Lady's Realm.

Quiver.

St. Nicholas.

Woman at Home.

^{*}Presented.

TABLE IX.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and
Museum, 1913-14.

Month.	Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
APRIL	30	11,203	373
May	30	8,062	269
June	30	5,381	179
JULY	31	5,158	166
August	31	6,911	223
September	30	7,746	258
Остовек	31	5,445	175
November	30	5,783	192
December	30	4,510	150
January	31	4,664	150
FEBRUARY	27	9,542	353
March	31	12,416	400
1913-14	362	86,821	240
1912-13	314	67,681	216
Totals since Opening April, 1903	3,397	676,868	195

TABLE X.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM "TALKS."

April 5th, 1903 .		Mr. J. E. Phythian, "How to enjoy pictures." (Arranged by the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.)
May 28th, 1913 .		Mr. Ernest Stenhouse, B.Sc., "Plants of the Hedgerows."
June 18th, 1913		Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S., "Querns; or, Primitive methods of corn-milling."
July 16th, 1913 .		Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., "The oldest tools used by man."
July 30th, 1913 .		Mr. Charles Heape, F.R.G.S., "Life in Ancient Egypt."
September 10th, 19	913	Mr. Thomas Hulme, "The history of spinning and weaving."
September 24th, 19	913	Mr. F. Williamson (Curator), "Bird life of the District."
March 13th, 1914		Mr. H. B. Carpenter (Art Master), "The Beauty of Craftsmanship in painting." (Arranged by the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.)

TABLE XI.

ACQUISITIONS-ART GALLERY.

OIL PAINTINGS :-

- "The Connoisseur," by August Holmberg. Presented by Mr. Samuel Tweedale.
- "Portrait of James Griffiths Dearden, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Rochdale," by John Charlton. Presented by Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B.
- "The Critics," by John I. Royds. Presented.
- "The Stream at Lamorna, Penzance," by S. J. Lamorna Birch. Purchased.
- "Christ at Jerusalem," by William Shackleton. Purchased from the funds of the "Ogden Bequest."

WATER COLOURS :-

- "Old Street in Looe, Cornwal!," by Mrs. Sara Maclean. Presented by the Artist.
- "Tin Ghaut," by Walter Emsley. Purchased.
- "Amen Corner, Rochdale," (pen-and-ink) by Frank L. Emanuel. Purchased.

PRINTS. &c.:-

- "Study of a Head" (etching), by Alphonse Legros. Presented by Miss E. G. Kemp.
- "Meeting of the Anti-Corn Law League, 1847," (engraving). Presented by G. Hanson.
- "Portrait of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P." Proof engraving after Millais. Presented by Richard Heape.
- Reproductions of Prints in the British Museum, 3rd Ser., Pt. VII.; Reproductions of Drawings, Ser. I.-IV. Presented by the Trustees of the British Museum.

SCULPTURE :--

Three plaster casts—

- "The wounded Lioness" (bas-relief), Assyrian;
- "The Parthenon Frieze" (bas-relief). Slab No. 326, 11. Greek;
- "Heracles in the Garden of Hesperides" (Statuette). Græco-Roman; Presented by the Trustees of the British Museum.

TABLE XII.

DONORS TO THE MUSEUM.

Mills, Miss

Wood, S.

Atkinson, George. Baldwin, Walter, F.G.S. (Burnley). Brierley, Miss S. (Bradford). Butterworth, J. Chadwick, Miss A. Cutts, W. Dawson, E. L. Fielden, Councillor, J.P. Fishwick, Miss Janet. Fountain, George. Greenwood, F. Grindrod, J. K. Hall, A. (Cairo). Handley, J. Edgar. Heape, Richard, J.P. Holt, Edward (Southport). Holt, J. Ingham, G. W. Jackson, Miss Leach, Mrs. Livesey, W. Jones, R. M. Leng, J. L. Lord, W.

Maxim, J. L., M.Sc., F.G.S.

Morgan, J. Morley, J. A. Ormerod, Councillor, J.1. Osbaldeston, Mrs. W. Parker, W. A., F.G.S. Partington, The Misses. Paylor, G. W. G. Peters, J. F. (Manchester). Platt, S. S., M.I.C.E., F.G.S. Radcliffe, Alec. Radcliffe, T. Rawstron, Mrs. Rochdale Amateur Photographic Society. Sandiford, R. A. Thomas, J. Vansittart, Miss (London). Wendland, O. J. (Leeds). West, J. A. (Australia). Whitworth, The Misses. Williamson, F. Wolfenden, R.

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Statement of Accounts

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1914.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	690	12	6			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c	90	14	8			
Books	398	17	10			
Newspapers and Periodicals	123	0	8			
Bookbinding	102	4	9			
Printing and Stationery	104	18	4			
Rent and Insurance	23	13	4			
Repairs and Sundries	91	2	7			
Advertising, Stamps, &c	24	13	S			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.	341	8	11	1991	7	3
2. 2. T.						
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY						
Wages	72	14	4			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	30	14	0			
Books	33	4	5			
Newspapers and Periodicals	30	4	8			
Repairs and Sundries	11	7	8	178	5	1
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.						
Salary and Wages	277	6	3			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	309	8	5			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	61	3	10			
Repairs and Sundries	209	6	8			
Museum Specimens	17	16	6			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	75	11	2			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	531	3	1			
		—-		1481	15	11
a. "t-1 Assessed						
Capital Account—	100	1.0				
Purchase of Pictures	102		0			
Art Gallery—Extensions	367	16	10,	450		
				470	6	10
			£	4121	15	1
					-	-

Year ending March 31st, 1914.

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Memoranda.

Population of the Borough, 1914—94,320

Net Rateable Value—£432,082.

Product of Rate—£3,327.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

Present Curator Appointed—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened 1905.

Present Librarian Appointed—1911.

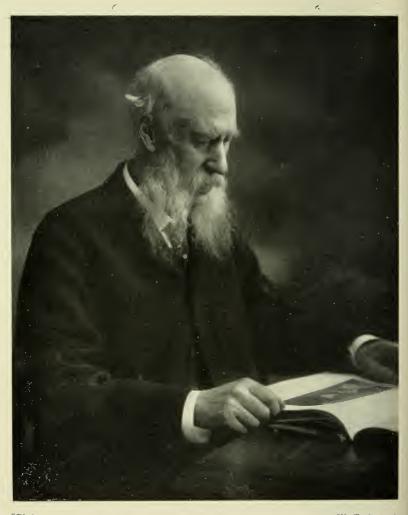
Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.









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Alderman Lieut.-Col. HENRY FISHWICK, J.P., F.S.A., (1835-1914)

Member of the Rochdale Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committees since 1870, and Chairman, 1881-1914.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1914-1915

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

ROCHDALE:

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1914-1915.

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Assistant Librarian	and	Sub-	Cura	ator	F. Helliwell.
Assistant Librarian	•••	•••	•••	•••	С. Ѕтотт.
Senior Assistant	• • •		• • •	• • •	J. P. Lamb.
Junior Assistants	•••	•••	•••	•••	W. Kershaw, E. Bottomley, J. N. Dykes.
Caretakers,	•••	•••		•••	M. HIND, W. RHODES, R. SLATER.
Cleaner					Mrs. W. Rhodes.



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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1914-1915.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries. Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following report of their work for the year ending 31st March, 1915.

The Committee desire to place on record their great loss sustained by the death of the late Chairman, Alderman Lieut. Col. Henry Fishwick, J.P., F.S.A.

Colonel Fishwick was a member of the Library Committee from its inception in 1870, and, from 1881 until his death, its Chairman. It is but stating the obvious to say that to Colonel Fishwick the Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum owe much. As an educationalist of ability and of great experience he was a firm believer in the benefits to be derived from these institutions, and to further their success and expand their sphere of usefulness he was ever active. To the Libraries his extensive, almost encyclopædic, knowledge of literature in practically all its branches was of considerable value, and the purchase of the best books obtainable found in him a consistent supporter. His keen interest in art was shown by his successful advocacy for the provision of an Art Gallery, and the present building, opened in 1903 and extended in 1913, has been the scene of many fine exhibitions of pictures that resulted largely from his influence with leading artists of the day. Of his public services as an educationalist, antiquary and historian, the Press has given the warmest recognition, his work in these directions being all to the good of the community and incidentally to these institutions. His municipal services to the Borough were recognised by the conferring on him of the Freedom of the Borough in 1903, and afterwards in the same year his portrait in oils, painted by Tom Mostyn, was presented to him by his friends and admirers. This portrait was given by Colonel Fishwick to the Borough, and now hangs with the permanent collection in the Art Gallery. To his judgment and guidance in literature and art the Borough is deeply indebted.

The Committee also regret the death of Councillor J. P. Ormerod, a member of the Committee since 1912, and a donor of many gifts to the Libraries and Museum.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

All departments of the Library service continue to be greatly used, and the growth of the service has resulted in additional use being made of the books provided.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries available for public use is 64,970, exclusive of the complete set of Patent Specifications and a number of Parliamentary Papers and other papers. The Central Lending Library contains 40,540 volumes; the Central Reference Library 18,320 volumes; the Central Boys' Library 1,761 volumes; and the Castleton Branch Library 4,349 volumes.

The additions to stock during the year numbered 1,188 volumes, which were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	758 v	rolumes
Central Reference Library	256	,,
Castleton Branch Library	174	,,
_	1,188	,,

The Book Selection Sub-Committee has given considerable time to the selection of books, and carefully considered recommendations of borrowers for additions.

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered its cordial thanks to the donors of 458 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year. Of particular interest were the volumes of Lancashire deeds dating from the 14th century and the manuscript Minute Book of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road from Rochdale to Burnley, dated 1755-1791, given by Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B., and the volumes of miscellaneous manuscript notes compiled by the late Lieut.-Col. Henry Fishwick, J.P., F.S.A.,

presented by the Misses Fishwick. The Libraries also benefited considerably by the bequest of the late Councillor R. D. Mattley of his collection of local_literature. This has been received, and includes several hundred items consisting of deeds, records of land sales, local plans, newspaper cuttings, letters, etc., all of peculiar local interest.

ISSUES.

The total recorded circulation for the year from all departments was **204,544**, as compared with 192,329 for the previous year, an increase of **12,215** volumes issued.

By Departments the circulation was:

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Central Lending Library	116,033		115,497
Central Reference Library			11,242
Central Boys' Library			22,083
Castleton Branch Lending Library			38,566
Delivery Stations (3)			4,941*
Total	204,544	***	192,329
*Open four months only.			
By Classes the circulation was:—	1914-1915		1913-1914
A.—Theology, Philosophy	1,754		1,999
B.—Biography	2,183		2,592
C.—History, Travels			7,414
D.—Law, Politics and Commerce			1.420
E.—Arts, Science			14,225
F.—Fiction			83,075
G.—Poetry, Drama			2,000
II.—Miscellaneous	12,636		13,491
I.— Books for the Blind	500		390
J.—Juvenile Literature			64,935
P.—Patent Specifications	747		788
Total	204,544		192,329

The Central Lending Library has an increased issue of 536 volumes; the Central Reference a decreased issue of 2,024; the Central Boys' an increase of 2; the Castleton Branch a decrease of 443; the three Delivery Stations with a full year's work against only four months last year have increased to the extent of 14,144. It is certain that had not the European War broken out a much larger total circulation of volumes would have been attained this year. Up to the month of September, 1914, all departments of the Library service had increased their circulation by

13,236 volumes. Since that month the circulation has fallen off, particularly so in the more serious classes of reading, and this can only be accounted for on the premise that many of our borrowers, the young men of the Borough, who used the Libraries as educational institutions have answered the call of the country to arms. Donbtless our issue in the coming year will reflect this temporary withdrawal of many of our student readers.

BORROWERS.

During the year 2,029 tickets were issued to borrowers. The total number of tickets in use is 12,145. This number comprises 7,333 ordinary tickets, 1,854 supplementary tickets, and 2,958 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 10,291, against 8,331 last year.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The three Delivery Stations established last year for an experimental twelve months have proved extremely successful, and the Committee have now sanctioned their continuation. Other parts of the Borough may in the near future be catered for in the same way.

BINDING. WITHDRAWALS.

1,619 volumes were bound under contract during the year. Minor repairs to the number of 4,371 were made by the staff, and 13 volumes re-covered.

56 volumes were withdrawn from circulation and discarded as worn out. 981 volumes were replaced by new copies.

OVERDUES.

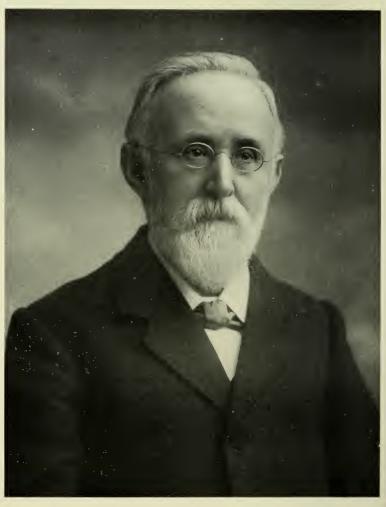
1,718 applications were made through the post for books overdue, and 74 personal visits were made by the staff for the purpose of locating removals. Three volumes were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines to the amount of ± 83 4s. 1d. were received from borrowers for the detention of books. 13 volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers, and penalties to the amount of ± 0 14s. 6d. were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS.

A classified list of books added to the Central Lending Library from June, 1913, to May, 1914, was published. Quarterly lists of additions to the Lending Libraries were issued and distributed free to borrowers. These lists have been found of much utility, and many borrowers have expressed their pleasure at being thus kept in touch with the latest additions. The new juvenile catalogue is now passing through the press, and its completion will supply a much needed want to our catalogues. Various reading lists were also compiled during the year.





[Photo

W. T. Carter.]

Mr. GEORGE HANSON,
(1845-1914)
Chief Librarian, Rochdale Public Libraries, 1871-1911.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

The series of "Talks" to adults and juveniles were continued during the winter months, and were of profit and interest to those attending them. The "Talks" to adults on "Modern Poets" were particularly valuable and delightful introductions to the poets' works. Lists of books relating to both series of "Talks," besides those in connection with the Museum, were compiled and distributed. The cordial thanks of the Committee have been accorded to the lecturers and chairmen of the meetings.

HOLIDAY READING.

The experiment of issuing an extra book to borrowers leaving the town on holidays was continued during the holiday months of the year, but the outbreak of war prevented much use being made of the privilege, only 149 extra volumes being so issued.

STORAGE OF PATENTS.

Owing to the considerable difficulty of shelving the Patent Office publications in the Library basement the Committee erected additional cases for their storage in the Art Gallery basement. This provision will facilitate access to the publications and provide for future accommodation.

LIBRARY CONFERENCES.

The North Western Branch of the Library Assistants' Association was granted the use of a room for the holding of a meeting on February 17th. Some fifty members of the Branch attended, and after inspection of the Central Library, Art Gallery and Museum were welcomed by the Chairman of the Committee. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the reading of papers on phases of library work. Votes of thanks concluded an interesting meeting.

Your Chief Librarian was re-elected a member of the Conncil of the North Western Branch of the Library Association.

BUILDINGS.

All the buildings are in good condition. The heating service was improved by the installation of an electric accelerator pump and the addition of two radiators.

STAFF.

The Committee regret the death of their late Chief Librarian, Mr. George Hanson. Mr. Hanson was appointed Chief Librarian in April, 1871, and resigned that post in April. 1911, but retained a position on the staff. For forty years by his attention and diligence he did much good work in the interest of the Libraries. His knowledge of local literature was of much value in the bringing together of the excellent collection of Rochdale and district literature that your Libraries contain.

Mr. J. P. Lamb, of the Birmingham Public Libraries, was appointed Senior Assistant during the year.

At the examination of the Library Association held last May, Mr. C. Stott obtained the certificate for Library History and Organisation.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

These departments of the Committee's work continue to be of a satisfactory nature.

VISITORS.

During the year the attendance was 70,469 against 86,821 the previous year. The departments were open 362 days, and the daily average attendance was 195 against an average attendance of 240 for 362 days the previous year.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS.

No additions were made to the oil or water-colour sections during the year. Mr. Richard Heape, J.P., kindly gave a number (32) of fine engravings and etchings of celebrated pictures by leading artists. They form a choice selection of black and white work, and your Committee have in this donation the nucleus of a section of art that appeals to many. The Trustees of the British Museum presented a cast of a Metope of the Parthenon and a series of reproductions of manuscripts.

EXHIBITIONS.

The 11th Spring Exhibition of modern pictures was held from the 12th February to the 3rd May, 1914, and attracted visitors to the number of 27,947. The Annual exhibition of the School of Art Students and Sketching Club was held, as usual, in the galleries from the 19th September to the 11th October. The Amateur Photographic Society held their annual exhibition of framed pictures from the 28th November to the 13th February. Owing to the outbreak of the War and our financial obligations the usual Spring Exhibition of 1915 was not held. Your Committee felt that an effort should be made to pay off as much of the debt incurred on the extension of the Art Gallery as possible, and that the withdrawal of the spring show for a year would enable them to further that object.

Through the kindness of A. D. Hall, Esq., F.R.S., an exhibition of Japanese Colour-Prints was held in the galleries from the 13th March, and this is now in progress. The exhibition has been very successful and has proved attractive to many. In particular the exhibition has been the means of bringing before the public a branch of art hitherto nuknown on our walls. A catalogue of the collection, with explanatory notes on the prints and the development of the art, was compiled by Mr. Hall and proved of much service. Mr. Hall also gave an address on the exhibition on the opening day. The Committee are under obligation to the Leeds Art Gallery for the loan of frames in connection with the show, and to Mr. Frank Rutter, B.A., Curator, Leeds, for kind assistance.

REGULATIONS.

Regulations for the loan of pictures and for permission to reproduce pictures belonging to the Permanent Collection were made and approved during the year.

MUSEUM.

A number of interesting gifts to the Museum were made during the year. Chief among them was the donation of Egyptian antiquities, the gift of Mr. John A. Bright, J.P., and Mr. Charles Heape, J.P., F.R.G.S.; Rochdale tokens and quern stones from Mr. R. W. Schofield; flint implements from the British Museum; botanical specimens of economic products from the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew; a local sundial face dated 1612, from Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B.; and a number of 17th and 18th century musical instruments from Mr. Edwin Fitton. Mr. J. F. Peters has continued to add to the numerous birds he has previously presented.

MUSEUM "TALKS."

A series of "Talks" was held during the winter months and attracted appreciative audiences. The "Talks" were previously held in the summer months, but they have now proved to be of greater utility when held in the winter months of the year by reason of the fact that they attract larger audiences. The lecturers and chairmen of them have been thanked for their services. For the purpose of illustrating the "Talks" a cable for the use of an electric lantern was installed in the No. 2 Gallery. The Committee have to thank the Education Committee for the loan of their lantern, which has been of great service.

LOANS.

Four cases of industrial objects of art were received on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, and form a valuable addition to the Museum.

WILD FLOWER EXHIBITION.

The exhibition of wild flowers during the summer months attracted many to the Museum rooms. The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. George Mills for his many contributions to the table.

CONFERENCES.

Your late Curator attended the Museums Association Conference held at Swansea during the week commencing 6th July, 1914, and submitted a report thereon.

STAFF.

In July last Mr. F. Williamson obtained the position of Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum, Derby, and left his duties here on the 31st August. Mr. Williamson had been employed by the Committee first in the Public Libraries, and later as your Curator. He gave much valuable assistance in the forming of the collections in the Art Gallery and Museum since its formation in 1903, and the Committee, whilst regretting the loss of his services, wish him success in the future. Mr. R. J. Gordon, the Chief Librarian, was appointed to the dual post of Chief Librarian and Curator, and Mr. F. Helliwell was appointed Sub-Curator.

WILSON DUNNING,
CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1914-15	Issued. 1913-14
Theology and Philosophy	 1,008	320	491
Biography	 968	186	226
History and Travels	 4,269	1,790	1,757
Law, Politics, and Commerce	 1,439	405	358
Arts and Science	 3,059	3,002	3,180
Fiction	 164	292	234
Poetry and Drama	 884	256	264
Miscellaneous Literature	 6,529	2,220	3,944
Patent Specifications		747	788
	18,320	9,218	11,242*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	 1,761	22,085	22,083
Total	 20,081	31,303	33,325

Days open, 361; daily average issue, 86.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIF	ICATIO	ON.			No. of Volumes	Volumes 1914-15	Issued. 1913-14
Theology and Philoso	phy				2,410	1,252	1,387
Biography	• • •				3,775	1,634	1,990
History and Travels					6,113	4,022	4,384
Law, Politics, and Co.	mmerce				1,254	647	953
Arts and Science					6,597	8,569	9,912
Fiction					8,383	67,126	67,529
Juvenile Literature		•••	•••		2,588	23,631	20,193
Poetry and Drama					1,419	1,350	1,518
Miscellaneous Litera	ture				7,694	7,266	7,241
Books for the Blind			•••		307	500	390
	Total	•••	•••	•••	40,540	116,033	115,497

Days open, 267*; daily average issue, 434.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.		No. of Volumes	Volumes 1914-15	Issued. 1913-14
Theology and Philosophy		77	45	39
Biography		266	173	277
History and Travels		288	928	993
Law, Politics, and Commerce		148	92	79
Arts and Science		335	957	972
Fiction and Juvenile Literature		2,280	12,944	12,833
Poetry and Drama		114	183	195
Miscellaneous Literature		623	2,454	2,118
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library		218	20,347	21,060
Total	•••	4,349	38,123	38,566

Days open, 251; daily average issue, 151.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

	Hea	aley	Lower	rplace	Small	bridge
CLASSIFICATION.	issu	umes ied. 1913-14	issu			mes ned. 1913-1
Theology and Philosophy	24	7	57	19	56	56
Biography	29	22	88	43	73	34
History and Travels	191	* 109	95	60	257	111
Law, Politics, and Commerce	11	1	17	23	39	(
Arts and Science	111	34	319	65	218	62
Fiction	1,855	702	5,810	806	3,861	973
Poetry and Drama	6	1	22	18	51	4
Miscellaneous Literature	268	13	110	39	318	130
Juvenile Literature	1,272	597	2,929	705	998	29
	3,767	1,486	9,447	1,778	5,871	1,67
	1914-15			-	1913-14	
Total	19,085				4,941*	

Average days open, 270; daily average issue, 70.

* Open for four months only.

TABLE V.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

- October 13th, 1914 ... Miss M. E. Lord, "Alice Meynell." Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
- November 3rd, 1914 ... Mr. T. D. T. Hall, "Stephen Phillips." Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. Hanson.
- January 5th, 1915 ... Rev. J. G. Tosh, M.A., "Francis Thompson." Chairman:—Mr. I. Renshaw.
- February 16th, 1915 ... Rev. H. Edmonds, A.K.C., "Alfred Noyes." Chairman :—Mr. E. L. Taylor.
- March 9th, 1915 ... Mr. H. Hunsworth, M.A., "J. M. Synge." Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon.
- March 16th, 1915 ... Rev. A. W. Baxter, M.A., "Rabindranath Tagore." Chairman:—Dr. S. T. Lord.

"TALKS" TO JUVENILES.

- October 20th, 1914 ... Mr. S. S. Platt, F.G.S. (Borough Surveyor), "The Big Boulder in Broadfield." Chairman:—Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., Parish Church School.
- November 24th, 1914 ... Mr. W. H. Hickson (Town Clerk), "Westminster Abbey." Chairman:—Mr. J. Mack, Central Council School.
- December 15th, 1914 ... Mr. E. A. Johnson, "The Fairy Land of Science." Chairman:—Mr. Walter Stott, Cronkeyshaw Council School.
- January 19th, 1915 ... Mr. W. J. Lawson, "The Frog and its relations." Chairman:—Mr. J. White, Parish Church School.
- February 9th, 1915 ... Mr. F. Helliwell (Assistant Librarian and Sub-Curator), "King Arthur and his Knights." Chairman:—Mr. R. Worthy, Lowerplace Council School.

TABLE VI.

MISCELLANEA.

Catalogues sold		•••	•••	•••	•••	669
Post Cards sold for book	ks to be	reserved	ı	•••	•••	368
Number of borrowers			•••		•••	10,291
Number of tickets issued	l	•••	•••	•••	•••	2,029
Books lost or damaged,	and paid	l for			•••	13
Books lost		•••		•••	•••	3
Books withdrawn from	eirculatio	n	•••	•••	•••	56
Books replaced		•••				981
Books re-bound		•••			•••	1,619
Books re-covered		•••	•••	•••	•••	13
Books repaired by staff	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	4,371
Daily average issue from	all depa	rtments	·	•••	•••	712
Percentage of fiction	issued	from (Central	Lend	ing	
Library		•••	•••	•••	• • •	57.85
Percentage of fiction iss	ued from	all depa	rtments	8	•••	44.92
Daily average attendance	e to Read	ing Rec	oms (est	imated	l)	2,000

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Adkins, Sir W. Ryland D., M.P., Northampton.

Anderson, Dr. A. G., Rochdale.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Australia, High Commissioner for, London.

Barker, E., Oldham.

Barry, Leonard, Rochdale.

Bebbington, G. W., Knutsford.

Board of Trade, London.

Boothman, S., Rochdale.

Brierley, R. B., Rochdale.

British Museum Trustees, London.

Brittain, J. H., Rochdale.

Burns & Oates, Ltd., Messrs., London.

Canada, High Commissioner for, London.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.

Carpenter, H. Barrett, Rochdale.

Clegg, J., Rochdale.

Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester.

Crane, Crane, & Co., Messrs., London.

Durham University.

Edinburgh University.

Fishwick, Lieut.-Col. Henry, F.S.A., J.P., Rochdale.

Fishwick, Miss H., Rochdale.

Fishwick, Miss Janet, Rochdale.

Fraser, G. N., Aberdeen.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Howarth, J., London.

Howorth, Sir Henry H., London.

Humanitarian League, London.

Jenkins, W. H. J., Warrington.

The John Rylands Library, Manchester.

London College of Music.

London University.

Longmans, Green & Co., Messr., London.

Mack, J., Rochdale.

Macmillan & Co., Ltd., Messrs., London.

Manchester Municipal School of Technology.

Mather & Crowther, Ltd., Messrs.

Mather & Crowther, Ltd., Messrs., London.

Mattley, Councillor R. D., Rochdale.

National Reform Union, Manchester.

National Temperance Federation, London.

National Union of Teachers, London.

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, London.

"The Order of the Cross," Paignton.

Ormerod, Councillor J. P., Castleton.

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., London.

Perry, Messrs. Walter & Co., Ltd., London.

Peters, Miss, Rochdale.

Pickles, John, Rochdale.

Platt, S. S., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Rochdale Housing Reform Council, Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Royds, Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

Sell's, Ltd., Messrs., London.

Shaw, G. T., Liverpool.

Shaw, J. H., Bury.

Smith, E. A., Rochdale.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

Sparke, Archibald, F.S.A., Bolton.

Stubbs Publishing Co., Ltd., London.

Sutton, C. W., Manchester.

Taylor, E. L., Rochdale.

The Town and Counties Directories, Ltd., Messrs., Edinburgh.

The Trades' Directories, Ltd., Messrs., Edinburgh.

Victoria University, Manchester.

Wilson, The Rev. Canon, Worcester.

Wrigley, Messrs. E., & Sons, Ltd., Rochdale.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Bristol, Brookline (Massachusetts, U.S.A.), Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Chorley, Coventry, Cripplegate Foundation (London), Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Eccles, Gateshead, Grand Rapids (Michigan, U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hackney, Harlesden, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hull, Hyde, Ilkley, Ipswich, Keighley, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Kingstonupon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Nelson, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Norwich, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (R.I., U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Redruth, Richmond (Surrey), Runcorn, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, South Australia State Library, South Shields, Stoke Newington, Todmorden, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Worcester, York.

TABLE VIII.

Periodicals and Magazines supplied to the Libraries.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

News Room.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Post. *Christian Science Monitor

Daily Chronicle. Daily Citizen.

Daily Dispatch.

Daily Graphic.

Daily Mail.

Daily News and Leader, Daily Telegraph.

L'Indépendance Belge

Irish Times.

Leeds Mercury.

Liverpool Daily Post. Manchester Courier.

Manchester Evening Chronicle.

Manchester Evening News. Manchester Guardian.

Morning Post

Scotsman.

Times.

Western Mail. Yorkshire Observer.

Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Amateur Photographer.

*Australian Official Journal of Patents.

*Australian Official Journal of Trade Marks.

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart (bi-weekly).

*Board of Trade Journal.

Bolton Journal and Guardian. British Weekly.

Bury Times.

Canada.

*Catholic Herald.

Catholic Times and Catholic Opinion *Shop Assistant. Church Times.

Clarion.

WEEKLY.

*Contractor's Record and Municipal Engineering.

*Co-operative News.

Cotton Factory Times. Drapers' Record.

*Educator.

English Churchman.

English Mechanic.

Farm, Field and Fireside.

Field.

Gardening.

Graphic.

Grocer.

Health and Strength.

Illustrated London News.

*Inquirer.

*Investors' Guardian.

* Joyful News.

* Justice.

Labour Leader.

Labour News.

*Local Government Chronicle.

*Local Government Journal.

*Machinery Market.

Manchester City News. Manchester Weekly Times.

Mechanical World.

Miller.

Model Engineer and Electrician.

*Motor Traction.

Municipal Journal.

New Age.

Oldham Chronicle.

*Pitman's Journal.
*Practical Engineer.

*Present Truth.

Punch.

Railway Review.

Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly).

Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).

Sketch

Sphere.

WEEKLY.

Sporting and Dramatic News. Tatler.

Textile Mercury.

T. P.'s Weekly.

Truth.

Weekly Freeman.

*Worcester Herald.

MONTHLY.

- *Agricultural Economist.
- Alliance News
- *Animal World.
- *Animals' Friend.
- *Anti-Slavery Reporter.

*Arbitrator.

Badminton Magazine.

*Board of Trade Labour Gazette.

*Catholic Federationist.

Chambers's Journal.
*Civil Service Candidate. Cornhill Magazine.

*Forester's Miscellany. Harper's Magazine.

*Home.

*Humanitarian.

*Individualist.

*Jewish Missionary Intelligence.

* Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, Australia.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide. Literary World. London Magazine.

Miller.

*Millgate Monthly. Munsey's Magazine.

*Musicians' Report and Journal.

*Musical Herald. Musical Times.

Nash's and Pall Mall Magazine.

*National Church.

*Our Flag. Outing.

*Patents.

Pearson's Magazine. Physical Culture.

*Plumbing Trade Journal. *Positivist Review.

*Queensland Government Mining Journal.

*Railway Clerk.

Reporters' Magazine. Royal Magazine.

MONTHLY.

Scribner's Magazine.

*Socialist.

*Socialist Standard.

*State Correspondent.

Strand Magazine.

Textile Manufacturer. Textile Recorder.

*Universal Patents Bureau Sales Journal.

Vegetarian.

*Vegetarian Messenger.

*Vulcan.

Wide World Magazine.

Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

World's Work.

*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

Herald of Health.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Cambrian.

*Cook's Ocean Sailing List.

*Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Central.

*Great Eastern.

*Great Northern.

*Great North of Scotland. *Great Western.

*Highland.

*Hull and Barnsley.

*Lancashire and Yorkshire. *London and North Western.

*London and South Western.

*London, Brighton and South Coast.

*Midland.

*North British. *North Eastern.

*North Staffordshire.

*Traveller's Gazette. Wrigley's Local Railway and Tram-

way Time Tables.

Ladies' Room.

DAILY.

Daily News.

*Daily Telegraph. Manchester Guardian

WEEKLY.

*Common Cause. Gentlewoman. Graphic. Illustrated London News. Ladies' Field. Lady. Lady's Pictorial. Nursing Mirror. Punch. Queen. Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly). Rochdale Times (bi-weekly). Sketch. *Suffragette.

MONTHLY.

*Awake.

Tatler.

*Votes for Women.

*Band of Hope Review.

*British Workman. Chambers's Journal. Chatterbox. Children's Friend. Child's Companion.

*Christian Science Journal.

*Church Gazette.

*Church Missionary Gleaner *Church Missionary Review.

*C. M. S. Gazette. Delineator.

*East and West. Englishwoman.

*Food and Cookery. Girl's Own Paper. Lady's Realm.

London Magazine. *Millgate Monthly.

*Mission Field. Nash's and Pall Mall Magazine.

*Our Own Gazette.

*Our Waifs and Strays. Pearson's Magazine.

Prize. Ouiver. *Round the World.

St. Nicholas. Strand Magazine. Sunday.

Woman at Home.

Reference Department.

WEEKLY.

Accountant.

American Machinist.

Architect.

Athenæum. Builder.

Building News.

*Certificate Examiner.

*Chemical Engineering. Contract Journas.

Economist.

Electrical Review

Electrician.

Engineer.

Engineering. Everyman.

*Ferro-Concrete.

Guardian.

*Illustrated Journal of Patents.

*Journal of the Royal Society of Arts.

Nation. Nature.

New Statesman. Notes and Queries.

Saturday Review.

Schoolmaster.

Scientific American.

Spectator. Teachers' Aid.

*Trade Marks Journal.

MONTHLY.

Antiquary.

Blackwood's Magazine.

Bookman.

Book Monthly.

British Esperantist.

*British Socialist.

Cassier's Engineering Monthly.

*Christian Science Journal.

Connoisseur.

Contemporary Review.

*Decorator.

Decorators' and Painters' Magazine.

Dyer and Calico Printer.

*Educational Times.

English Review.

Fortnightly Review. *Geographical Journal.

Highway.

*I. C. S. Student.

*International Theosophical Chronicle. Investors' Monthly Manual.

MONTHLY.

Journal of Education. Knowledge. Lancashire Naturalist. Librarian. Library Association Record. Library World.

Library Association Record.
Library World.
*National Home Reading Union:—
General Course Magazine.
Special Course Magazine.
Young People's Magazine.
National Review.
Naturalist.
Nineteenth Century.
Review of Reviews.
Rochdale Parish Church Magazine.
Studio.

MONTHLY.

System. *Theosophist.

Tramway and Railway World. *University Correspondent.

QUARTERLY.

Army List.
Economic Review.
Edinburgh Review,
Hibbert Journal.
Manchester Quarterly.
Post Office Guide.
Quarterly Review.
Science Progress.
Socialist Review.
Sociological Review.

*Presented.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DAILY.

*Christian Science Monitor.
Daily Citizen.
Daily Dispatch.
Daily Mail.
Daily News.
Daily Telegraph.
Liverpool Courier.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Evening Chronicle.
Manchester Evening News.
Manchester Guardian.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Accrington Division Gazette.
Accrington Observer and Times
(bi-weekly).

Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.

*Board of Trade Journal. Bury Times (bi-weekly). Catholic Times. Clarion.

*Co-operative News. Cotton Factory Times Drapers' Record.

*Educator.
Engineering.
English Mechanic.

WEEKLY.

Farm, Field, and Fireside. Garden. Graphic. Health and Strength, Hobbies. Illustrated London News. Labour Leader. *Machinery Market.

Manchester City News.
Manchester Weekly Times.
Oldham Chronicle.
Pitman's Journal.
Punch.
Rochdale Observer (bi-weekly).
Rochdale Times (bi-weekly).
Textile Mercury.
T. P.'s Weekly.
Work.

MONTHLY.

- *Agricultural Economist.
- Alliance News. *Animal World.
- *Arbitrator.
- *Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
- *Boy's Own Paper.
- *Canada.

MONTHLY.

Captain.
Cassell's Magazine of Fiction.
Chambers's Journal.

*Christian Science Journal.

Chums. *Church Gazette.

Highway. *I. C. S. Student.

*Liberator.

*Literary Guide. London Magazine.

*National Church. Pearson's Magazine. Review of Reviews.

Royal Magazine. 'Socialist Standard. Strand Magazine.

System.

Textile Manufacturer.

*Vegetarian Messenger. Windsor Magazine. Woodworker.

*Zoophilist.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

Bradshaw's Guide.

*Caledonian.

*Furness.

*Glasgow and South Western.

*Great Northern.

RAILWAY GUIDES.

*Great North of Scotland.

*Great Western.

*Highland.

*Hull and Barnsley.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire.

*London and North Western.

*London and South Western.
*Midland.

*North British.

*North Eastern.

Wrigley's Local Railway and Tramway Time Tables.

Ladies' Table.

WEEKLY.

Gentlewoman. Lady's Pictorial. Queen.

MONTHLY

Delineator. Girl's Own Paper. Girl's Realm. Lady's Realm. Ouiver. St. Nicholas. Woman at Home.

^{*}Presented.

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Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1914-15.

TABLE IX.

Month.	Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
APRIL	29	7,074	214
MAY	31	5,689	183
June	29	5,801	200
July	31	5,667	183
August	31	7,761	240
September	30	7,774	259
Остовек	31	6,208	200
November	30	5,079	169
December	30	4,651	155
January	31	5,426	175
FEBRUARY	28	4,505	161
March	31	4,834	156
1914-15	362	70,469	195
1913-14	362	86,821	240
Totals since opening April, 1903	3,959	747,337	189

TABLE X.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM "TALKS."

May 12th, 1914... ... Mr. E. Stenhouse, B.Sc., "British Land

		Mammals.''
May 19th, 1914	•••	Mr. F. Williamson (Curator), "Λ Ramble through the Museum."
June 16th, 1914	•••	Mr. T. Clegg, "Some family characters of plants."
June 23rd, 1914		Mr. W. Lord, "Some pecularities of bird structure."
July 14th, 1914		Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S., "The Evolution of some stone implements."
July 21st, 1914	•••	Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., "The Story of the Derbyshire limestone."
October 27th, 1914		Mr. W. J. Lawson, "The House-fly."
November 10th, 1914	•••	Mr. S. S. Platt, F.G.S., "The Great ice-age."
December 8th, 1914	•••	Mr. H. Boothman, "Have plants reasoning powers?"
January 12th, 1915	•••	Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S., "The History of the Cephalopoda as illustrated by their Geological remains."
February 23rd, 1915	•••	Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., "Fossils of the Bullion Mine."
March 5th, 1915	•••	Mr. H. B. Carpenter (Art Master), "Flemish painters." (Arranged by the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society)
March 23rd, 1915		Mr. E. Stenhouse, B.Sc., "Familiar food-plants."

TABLE XI.

DONORS TO THE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM.

British Museum, London. Carter, W. T., Rochdale. Coates, John, Rochdale. Emmott, H., Rochdale. Fishwick, Misses, Rochdale. Fitton, Edwin, Rochdale. Handley, J. Edgar, Rochdale. Hanson, Mrs., Castleton, Rochdale.

Bright, John A., J.P., Rochdale.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale. Knipe, Mrs., Colwyn Bay.

Heape, Charles, J.P., F.R.G.S.,

Lord, W., Rochdale.

Rochdale.

Maxim, J. L., M.Sc., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Morton, W. S., Rochdale.

Parker, W. A., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Peters, J. F., Windermere.

Radcliffe, A., Dearnley, Rochdale.

Rochdale Education Committee.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Royds, Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

Sandiford, R. A., Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Smith, H., Rochdale.

Stott, J. W., Rochdale.

Taylor, T. Ralph, Rochdale.

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Statement of Accounts

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1915.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	722	1	4			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c.	77	11	7			
Books	277	0	1			
Newspapers and Periodicals	121	8	1			
Bookbinding	103	1	3			
Printing and Stationery	73	11	10			
Rent and Insurance	24	16	8			
Repairs and Sundries	129	3	11			
Advertising, Stamps, &c	29	14	2			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	258	6	Û	1816	14	11
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CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY	Ι.					
Wages	73	19	2			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	28	11	6			
Books	23	16	6			
Newspapers and Periodicals	32	18	0			
Repairs and Sundries	16	5	2	175	10	4
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM	M.			1,0		
Salary and Wages	214	3	6			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	144	4	3			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	36	6	8			
Repairs and Sundries	99	13	0 :			
Museum Specimens, &c	34	5 :	11			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	64	б	9			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	547	9	6			П
				1140	9	7
				3 132	14	10
Surplus				575	4	7
			£	3707	19	5

Year ending March 31st, 1915.

Income.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Borough Rate—						
Amount Received				3582	0	0
'ines and Fees	75	5	4			
ards, Catalogues, &c	21	0	7	96	5	11
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY						
ines, Cards, Catalogues, &c	11	13	10			
lire of Room	9	15	0	0.1	0	
				21	8	10
				3699	14	9
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.						
Catalogues, &c	5	6	2			
Vale of Pictures—Commission		18	6	8	4	8
					1	

£ 3707

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Memoranda.



Population of the Borough, 1914-94,320.

Net Rateable Value—£432,082.

Product of Rate—£3,582.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened— 1905. •

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1915-1916.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

ROCHDALE:

E. Wrigley & Sons Limited, Printers, Acker Street.

1916.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

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Hon. Art Adviser Tom Mostyn, Esq.

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Assistant Librarian	• • •				С. Sтотт.*
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Temporary Assistan	ts				Misses Nicholl, Willott.
Caretakers	•••	•••	•••	•••	M. HIND, W. RHODES, R. SLATER.
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*Serving with His Majesty's Forces,

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Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1915-16.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following report of their work for the year ending March 31st, 1916.

The Committee regret the death of Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B., a member of the Committee for 29 years. During his long connection with the institution he always displayed a keen interest in its working; and his gifts to each of the three departments were varied and valuable. By his Will he left the following bequest to the Committee, to take effect after the death of Lady Royds.

"My Canal boat model of the Directors' Barge and Drinking Glass of the Rochdale Canal Co., and the Old Rochdale Volunteers' Drinking Cup and the marble bust of myself by Onslow Ford; my case of six Javelins of High Sheriffs who resided at Rochdale; my three Manuscript Books of Edwin Waugh and Tim Bobbin's Book of Human Passions Delineated; my paintings of Old Rochdale and its neighbourhood; my political pen and ink sketches and my Volumes of the Historical Manuscript Commission; my Pitt medals; the Portrait of myself by Herkomer and the Portrait of my Wife by Luke Fildes to the Committee of Management for the time being of the Rochdale Free Library for the use and benefit of that Institution and to be permanently retained in the Library and Art Gallery."

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

As foreshadowed in the report of last year the continuation of the war has had a considerable effect on the circulation of books. The decreased issue, which is common with most of the public libraries of the kingdom, is but the natural result of the enlistment of the manhood of the country in its defence.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries available for public use is 66,111, exclusive of the complete series of the Patent Office publications and a number of Parliamentary and other papers. The Central Library contains 41,316 volumes; the Central Reference 18,484 volumes; the Central Boys' 1,761 volumes and the Castleton Branch 4,550 volumes.

1,141 volumes were added during the year and allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	 776	volumes
Central Reference Library	 164	,,
Castleton Branch Library	 201	,,
	1,141	,,

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered cordial thanks to the donors of 385 books and pamphlets presented to the departments during the year.

ISSUES.

The Total recorded circulation from all departments was 181,741, as compared with 204,544 for the previous year, a decreased issue of 22,803 volumes.

By Departments the circulation was:—	1915-16	1	914-1915
Central Lending Library	104,400	-	116,033
Central Reference Library	6,679		9,218
Central Boys' Library	19,856		22,085
Castleton Branch Lending Library	33,317		38,123
Delivery Stations (3)	17,489	• • •	19,085
Total	181,741		204,544

By Classes the circulation was:—	1915-1916	1	914-1915
A.—Theology, Philosophy	1,491		1,754
B.—Biography	1,880		2,183
C.—History, Travels	5,837		7,283
D.—Law, Politics and Commerce	924		1,211
E.—Arts and Science	. 10,255		13,176
F.—Fiction	84,436		91,924
G.—Poetry and Drama	. 1,576		1,868
H.—Miscellaneous	. 10,803		12,636
I.—Books for the Blind	. 612		500
J.—Juvenile Literature	63,234		71,262
P.—Patent Specifications	. 693		747
TOTAL	181,741		204,544

The Central Lending Library has a decreased issue of 11,633 volumes; the Central Reference Library a decrease of 2,539; the Central Boys' Library a decrease of 2,229; the Castleton Branch a decrease of 4,805, and the Delivery Stations a decrease of 1,596.

BORROWERS.

During the year 2,115 tickets were issued to borrowers. The total number of tickets in use is 13,866. This number comprises 8,313 ordinary tickets, 1,953 supplementary tickets and 3,600 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 11,913.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The Committee decided not to proceed, for the present, with the addition of further delivery stations. On the return of normal conditions the question will probably be again considered.

BINDING. WITHDRAWALS.

936 volumes were re-bound under contract during the year. Minor repairs to the number of 3,093 were made by the staff. 826 volumes were replaced by new copies, and 469 volumes were discarded as worn out and not replaced.

OVERDUES.

1,994 applications were made through the post for books overdue and 86 personal visits made by the staff for the purpose of locating removals. Two volumes were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines to the amount of f78 12s. 1d. were received from borrowers for the detention of books. Seven volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers, and penalties to the amount of 9/3 were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS.

The chief publication of the year was the issue of the Juvenile Catalogue of books in the Central Lending Library. It was received with welcome by the large number of juveniles using the department, and many expressions as to its utility have been received from the juveniles, parents and teachers. The Committee have to thank the Education Committee for contributing half the cost of its publication. The issue of the annual classified catalogue of books added and the quarterly lists of additions have been suspended, for the time being, owing to staff shortage and the necessity for economy.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

On the issue of the Juvenile Catalogue it was found advisable to transfer the juvenile books to the Boys' Reading Room, which is now used as a juvenile lending library in addition to its use as a reading room. The change has been of benefit in freeing the Central Library of the congestion at the lending counter, and has facilitated a quicker issue of books to adult borrowers. The juveniles will now, it is hoped, receive greater attention in their own department and a closer association with the staff that was not possible under the old conditions. That this will lead to a wider range of reading and a more profitable use of the books provided is very probable. Certain structural alterations are contemplated for the purpose of increasing the area of the new department.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

Only the series for juveniles were given during the winter months of the year, and these were of much success. These "talks" now constitute a valued feature of your Committee's work, and they are much encouraged by the large attendances and the interest displayed by the audiences. The thanks of the Committee have been accorded to the lecturers and chairmen of the meetings.

HOLIDAY READING.

Books to the number of 340 were issued as a holiday privilege against 149 volumes last year.

PERIODICALS FOR SOLDIERS.

Surplus periodicals have been dispatched regularly to the Lancashire regiments, and have been greatly appreciated. Efforts have been made to collect books, periodicals and magazines for use in the Camps' Library, and the public have liberally assisted the staff in this work.

BUILDINGS.

All the buildings are in good structural repair, and only minor work was needed on them during the year. To meet the requirements of the Restricted Lighting Order it was necessary to provide dark blinds for the

outside windows. The provision of these has enabled all the Library rooms to be kept open as usual, and no curtailment of the public facilities was necessary.

The buildings and contents of the Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum were insured against "air risks" to the value of 447,584.

CONFERENCES.

The Chief Librarian attended the annual meeting of the Library Association, held in London during September, and submitted a report thereon. He was again elected a member of the Council of the North Western Branch of the Library Association.

STAFF.

Your Committee has pride in reporting that four of the five male assistants are serving the country with the colours. The temporary shortage of staff has been made up by the employment of women assistants. Much credit is due to them for their efforts to continue the efficient service rendered to the public by the staff. Mr. W. Kershaw, junior assistant, resigned his appointment during the year. The re-classification of the Central Library, which was proceeding rapidly at the outbreak of the war, has been considerably interfered with, together with other matters designed to further the work of the libraries of the Borough. Your Committee trust that the time is not far distant when the work of the library system will again proceed to its utmost capacity to the advantage of the Borough generally.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

The work in these departments has, of necessity, been curtailed during the year.

Your Committee is glad to report that the efforts made to clear the overdraft at the Bank have met with success, and that now, with the exception of the sinking fund charges, the department is free of debt.

VISITORS.

The attendance has decreased from 70,469 the previous year to 56,981, a decrease of 13,488. The number of days open was 363, and the daily average attendance 157 against 195 for 362 days the previous year. The Committee is not discouraged by this decrease, and hope to regain the high figures of the past when normal times return.

ART GALLERY PERMANENT COLLECTION.

No additions were made to this section during the year, and the Ogden Bequest Fund has been allowed to accumulate.

In March and April, 1915, an exhibition of Japanese Colour-Prints was in progress, and during that time part of the permanent collection was withdrawn from the galleries. On its conclusion the Committee decided to have the whole of the pictures in the galleries re-hung so as to display them to greater advantage and to diminish, as far as possible, their withdrawal from the galleries in the future. The work was carried out in May, and the comments of those able to judge enable the Committee to think that a more advantageous display of the art treasures of the Borough has been achieved. The oil paintings are now shown in galleries Nos. 2 and 4; the water colours in No. 3, and the black and white section in gallery No. 1. The Nos. 1 and 3 galleries are now, with little inconvenience, available for small exhibitions, and have already been used for such exhibitions with success.

EXHIBITIONS.

As reported in the last annual report your Committee decided against holding the Spring Exhibition of 1915, owing to the financial obligations in connection with the Art Gallery last extension. The same policy has been adopted again this year. The uncertainty of transit and the necessity for economy owing to the war were contributory factors in the decision of the Committee to regretfully decline exhibitions from the Contemporary Art Society and the Senefelder Club members. They hope, however, at the first opportunity, to place these important exhibitions in the galleries for the artistic delight of the people of the Borough.

A loan collection of 13 Chantrey pictures from the National Gallery of British Art was on view from the 28th August, 1915, to the 9th March, 1916, and were of much interest and enjoyment. A lecture on the collection was given by Mr. H. B. Carpenter, under the auspices of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.

The annual exhibition of the School of Art and Sketching Club was held, as usual, in the galleries from the 18th September to the 10th October, 1915. The Amateur Photographic Society decided against holding their annual exhibition in the galleries owing to the general unsettled condition of the country. The Committee has authorised an exhibition in connection with the Shakespeare Tercentenary, and there is every promise of a successful and educative exhibition being held.

BLINDS.

Sun blinds were fixed in galleries Nos. 2 and 4, and have proved effective.

MUSEUM.

Pressure of work on the library side has prevented much being done in the museum. The foreign shells have been classified and placed in table cases. The birds' eggs were re-arranged and placed in a position near the bird cases to facilitate reference from one to the other. A couple of cases were prepared showing a group of divers and coots in their natural habitats and have proved a great attraction. The natural mounting is preferable to the method hitherto used, and it is hoped that gradually this method of mounting will be extended. The Committee have again to thank Mr. J. F. Peters for his continued gifts of birds.

A number of gifts have been made to the "Old Rochdale" room, which is still the most popular room in the museum. Of particular interest were the portions of stained glass, dated 1612, from the Trinity Chapel of the Parish Church, with the coat of arms and monogram of the Butterworth family, of Belfield Hall, the gift of Mr. R. W. Schofield.

A number of early 19th century local playbills and election posters were placed on exhibition in room No. 4 and were viewed by many.

LOANS.

The four cases of objects of art on loan from the Victoria and Albert Muesum were retained during the year, and have been very attractive to visitors.

MUSEUM "TALKS."

The series of adult "talks" in the winter months were discontinued last year. Objects from the museum cases have been used to illustrate several of the juvenile series of library "talks."

WILD FLOWER EXHIBITION.

The interesting and valuable wild flower exhibition, held during the summer months, has again proved attractive, and the interest displayed by the younger visitors to the museum augurs well for the future. Many scholars from the elementary schools were donors to the table, and the Committee again owe much to Mr. George Mills for his many contributions and care.

CLOSING HOURS.

Owing to the restricted lighting hours the Art Gallery and Museum departments have been closed daily at dusk.

CONFERENCE.

Your Curator attended the Museums Association Conference in London during July, and submitted a report thereon.

WILSON DUNNING, CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.		No. of Volumes	Volumes 1915-16	Issued, 1914-15
Theology and Philosophy		1,017	196	320
Biography		974	135	186
History and Travels		4,305	1,035	1,790
Law, Politics, and Commerce	• • •	1,454	298	405
· Arts and Science		3,101	2,276	3,002
Fiction		164	75	292
Poetry and Drama		884	226	256
Miscellaneous Literature		6,585	1,744	2,220
Patent Specifications			694	747
		18,484	6,679*	9,218*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	•••	1,761	19,856	22,085
Total		20,245	26,535	31,303

Days open, 363; daily average issue, 73.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATI	ION.			No. of Volumes	Volumes 1915-16	Issued. 1914-15
Theology and Philosophy				2,441	1,090	1,252
Biography	•••	•••	•••	3,826	1,441	1,634
History and Travels	• • •	•••		6,206	3,992	4,022
Law, Politics, and Commerc	e		•••	1,275	560	647
Arts and Science		• • •	• • •	6,768	7,121	8,569
Fiction	•••	•••		8,635	58,768	67,162
Juvenile Literature	•••	•••		2,645	23,003	23,631
Poetry and Drama	•••	•••	•••	1,435	1,099	1,350
Miscellaneous Literature		•••		7,778	6,718	7,266
Books for the Blind	•••	•••	•••	307	608	500
Total	•••	•••	•••	41,316	104,400	116,033

Days open, 266; daily average issue, 392.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1915-16	Issued. 1914-15	
Theology and Philosophy	•••	78	30	45
Biography		272	200	173
History and Travels		301	604	928
Law, Politics, and Commerce		150	45	92
Arts and Science		354	665	957
Fiction and Juvenile Literature		2,410	13,216	12,944
Poetry and Drama		119	183	183
Miscellaneous Literature		648	1,855	2,454
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library		218	16,519	20,347
Total		4,550	33,317	38,123

Days open, 253; daily average issue, 132.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

	Healey Lowe			erplace Smallbridg		
CLASSIFICATION.	issu	umes ied. 1914-15	issu	imes ied. 1914-15	Volumes issued. 1915-16 1914-18	
Theology and Philosophy	48	24	115	57	12	56
Biography	31	29	19	88	54	73
History and Travels	31	191	62	95	113	257
Law, Politics, and Commerce	5	11	4	17	12	39
Arts and Science	37	111	37	319	119	218
Fiction	1,737	1,855	6,916	5,810	3,724	3,861
Poetry and Drama	6	6	1	22	61	51
Miscellaneous Literature	217	268	20	110	249	318
Juvenile Literature	543	1,272	2,405	2,929	911	998
	2,655	3,767	9,579	9,447	5,255	5,871
		1915-16			1914-15	
Total	720	17,489			19,085	

Average days open, 266; daily average issue, 66.

TABLE V.

JUVENILE "TALKS."

- October 26th, 1915 ... Mr. Stanley Dawson, "Joan of Arc." Chairman:—Mr. E. A. Johnson, St. Alban's School. Attendance 240.
- November 12th, 1915 ... Mr. H. B. Carpenter, "How men came to dwell in houses." Chairman:—Mr. John White, Parish Church School. Attendance 76.
- December 14th, 1915 ... Mr. A. Barker, "A Trip to the East." Chairman:—Mr. J. Fothergill, Newbold Council School. Attendance 190.
- February 17th, 1916 ... Rev. R. Workman, "Some Irish fairy tales."

 Chairman:—Mr. T. L. Roberts, St.

 Mary's (Wardleworth) C.E. School.

 Attendance 186.
- February 29th, 1916 ... Mr. J. H. Grindrod, "The Beautiful in art."

 Chairman:—Mr. E. A. Johnson, St.

 Alban's School. Attendance 203.
- March 14th, 1916 ... Mr. W. A. Parker, F.G.S., "Plants and animals of the moorlands." Chairman:—
 Mr. R. J. Gordon. Attendance 248.

TABLE VI.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Baldwin, Miss, Rochdale.

Barry, Leonard, Rochdale.

Boothman, S., Rochdale.

Brierley, Henry, Wigan.

British Dominions General Insurance Co. Ltd., London.

British Museum Trustees, London.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.

City and Guilds of London Institute.

Clegg, J., Rochdale.

Co-operative Union, Manchester.

Crane, Crane & Co., Messrs., London.

Davidson, Councillor W., Roch-dale.

Dawson, Councillor J. T., Roch-dale.

Department of Mines, Ottawa, Canada.

Dunning, Alderman W., J.P., Rochdale.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Rochdale.

Gladstone Family, The.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Heaton, Rev. W. J., Lytham.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Holden, J. H., Rochdale.

Housing Reform Council, Roch-dale.

Kershaw, T. Elvyn, Rochdale.

Littlebury Bros., Messrs., Liverpool.

Liverpool Library, Museum and Arts Committee.

London Directory Co. Ltd., Messrs.

Manchester Municipal School of Technology.

Marconi Wireless Co., London.

Mather & Crowther Ltd., Messrs., London.

Perry, Messrs. Walter & Co. Ltd., London.

Platt, S. S., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Redfern, The late Alderman Charles, J.P., Rochdale.

Registrar General, The, Canada.

Registrar, The, Liverpool University.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Royds, The late Col. Sir C. M., C.B., Rochdale.

Royds, Lady, Rochdale.

Schofield, C. W., Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Smithsonian institution, Washington, U.S.A.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

Stanwell, Dr. W., Rochdale.

Stubbs Publishing Co. Ltd., Messrs., London.

Taylor, E. L., Rochdale.

Thompson, W. P., & Co., Messrs., Liverpool.

University College of Wales.

Victoria University, Manchester.

Welsh, J. A., Whitworth, Roch-dale.

Wrigley, Messrs. E., & Sons Ltd., Rochdale.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM: -Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Bristol, Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cheltenham, Cripplegate Foundation (London), Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Eccles, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hackney, Harlesden, Horniman Museum (London), Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hull, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, Kensal Rise, Kilburn, Kingston, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Library of (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Michigan (U.S.A.), Middlesbrough, Muskegon (U.S.A.), Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Newington, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Richmond, Runcorn, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, South Australia, Stoke, Sunderland, Todmorden, Tottenham, Twickenham, Warrington, Watford, Westhoughton, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Winchester, York.

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE MUSEUM.

British Museum Trustees, London. Coates, Late John, Rochdale. Peters, J. F., Windermere. Mensforth, T., Oldham. Grindrod, J., Rochdale. Cumberbirch, Mrs., Hull. Hodgkinson, J. W., Rochdale. Clegg, T., Rochdale. Beard, H. T., Rochdale. Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

REPORTS, CATALOGUES, HANDBOOKS, from the following:—Brighton Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museum, Manchester Museum, National Museum (U.S.A.), Queensland Museum (Australia), Townley Hall (Burnley), Liverpool Museum, Lancashire and Cheshire [Fauna Committee.

TABLE VIII.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1915-16.

Month.	Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
APRIL	29	5,584	192
May	30	5,227	174
June	30	3,658	122
July	31	5,343	172
August	31	6,185	200
September	30	6,933	231
October	31	5 ,657	182
November	30	3,767	126
December	30	3,375	113
January	31	4,639	141
FEBRUARY	29	3,131	108
March	31	3,482	112
1915-16	363	56,981	157
1914-15	362	70,469	195
Totals since opening April, 1905	3 4,322	804,318	186

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Statement of Accounts.

Year ended 31st March, 1916.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	700	9	8			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c	93	14	1			
Books	229	10	8			
Newspapers and Periodicals	120	2	0			
Bookbinding	103	19	6			
Printing and Stationery	95	6	7			
Rent and Insurance	49	6	0			
Repairs and Sundries	71	12	2			
Advertising, Stamps, &c	28	10	8			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	240	18	1			
		—-		1733	9	5
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY	7.					
Wages	78	7	10			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	35	2	7			
Books	20	8	2			
Newspapers and Periodicals	30	5	9			
Repairs and Sundries		13	1			
•				177	17	5
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM	M.					
Salary and Wages	195	18	4			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	116		10			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	15	4				
Repairs and Sundries	112	1	9			
Museum Specimens, &c	10	8				
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	52	2	0			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.	494		11	1		
Therest, sinking Police, ac.	494			996	10	10
				2907	17	8
Sumlya				808	5	3
Surplus				303	9	
				1		
				1		

Year ending March 31st, 1916.

Income.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Borough Rate— Amount Received				3598	0	0
Fines and Fees	69	5	11			
Cards, Catalogues, &c	19	2	3	88	8	2
Bank Interest			v	6	4	5
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY	ī.					
Fines, Cards, Catalogues, &c	12 9	17 5	8	22	2	8
				3714	15	3
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM	•					
Catalogues, &c				1	7	8
			£	3716	2	11

Memoranda.



Population of the Borough, 1915—94,320.

Net Rateable Value—£444,192.

Product of Rate—£3,598.

Central Library Opened-1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened—1905.

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913.

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

New Juvenile Lending Department Opened—1915.

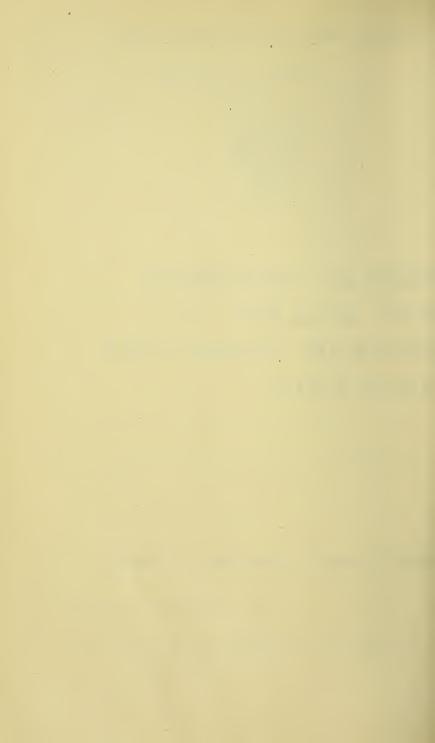
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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1916-17.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in submitting the following report of their work for the year ending March 31st, 1917.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Committee are glad to report that the decreased issue of books, reported last year, has been arrested, and that this year an increase has to be recorded. This is particularly gratifying when the many difficulties of the time are remembered.

The total recorded circulation from all departments was 188,827 against 181,741 for the previous year, an increase of 7,086 volumes issued. It is well to note that this total, large as it is, does not include the issue of certain reference books kept on open shelves, or the many periodicals and reviews in the Reading Rooms. If it were convenient for these issues to be counted the figures recorded above would be largely increased.

1915-16 104,400 6,679 19,856 33,317 17,489

By Departments the circulation was	:
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	1916-17
Central Lending Library	98,746
Central Reference Library	5,858
Central Boys' Room	15,691
Castleton Branch Library	46,591
Delivery Stations (3)	21,941
	188,827

By Classes the circulation was :-

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A.—Theology, Philosophy	1,139	 1,491
B.—Biography	1,774	 1,880
C.—History, Travels	5,215	 5,837
D.—Law, Politics, Commerce	967	 924
E.—Arts, Science	10,629	 10,255
F.—Fiction	96,682	 84,436
G.—Poetry and Drama	1,629	 1,576
H.—Miscellaneous	9,219	 10,803
I.—Books for the Blind	602	 612
J.—Juvenile Literature	60,437	 63,234
P.—Patent Specifications	534	 693
Total	188,827	 181,741

The Central Lending Library has a decreased issue of 5,654; the Central Reference Library a decrease of 821; the Central Boys' Library a decrease of 4,165; the Castleton Branch Library an increase of 13,274; and the Delivery Stations an increase of 4,452.

BORROWERS.

During the year 2,260 tickets were issued to Lending Library borrowers. The total number of tickets now in use is 10,559, a decrease of 3,307 as compared with last year. This total includes 5,993 ordinary tickets, 1,235 supplementary tickets, and 3,331 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 9,324, against 11,913 for last year, a decrease of 2,589 borrowers.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries available for public use is 67,335, exclusive of the complete series of the Patent Office publications, a number of Parliamentary and other papers. The Central Library contains 42,199 volumes; the Central Reference 18,618 volumes; the Central Boys' 1,761 volumes, and the Castleton Branch 4,757 volumes.

1.224 volumes were added to the stock during the year, and were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	883 volumes
Central Reference Library	134 ,,
Castleton Branch Library	207 ,,
	1,224 ,,

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered their cordial thanks to the donors of 181 books and pamphlets presented to the departments during the year.

BINDING. WITHDRAWALS.

1,221 volumes were rebound under contract during the year. Minor repairs to the number of 2,760 were made by the staff. 802 volumes were replaced by new copies, and 603 were discarded as worn out and not replaced.

OVERDUES.

1,603 applications were made through the post for books overdue, and 28 personal visits made by the staff for the purpose of locating removals. Three volumes were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines to the amount of £63 13s. 9d. were received from borrowers for the detention of books. 8 volumes were lost or damaged by borrowers and penalties to the amount of 12/3 were received for the same.

PUBLICATIONS.

Owing to the absence of the trained assistants on military service little could be done in the way of issuing catalogues. However the Fiction Catalogue of 1913 was reprinted and the additions to the date of publication added. The issue of this catalogue was considerably facilitated by the type having been kept up since its original issue. The annual classified catalogue of books added and the quarterly list of additions issued free are still suspended until normal times. Book lists on food production and on foods, cookery and domestic economy were issued and distributed free to the public. The books listed were quickly in demand, and as a consequence many new borrowers were added to the Libraries.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The new Juvenile Lending Library, brought about by the remova of the juvenile books from the Central Lending Library to the Boys Reading Room, reported last year, continues to give satisfaction. Owin to the enlistment of the male assistants it has been necessary to clost the Boys' Reading Room at 8 p.m., instead of 9 p.m., each evening This has naturally prevented the same use being made of the department as in previous years. The structural alterations contemplated in the department have still to be entered upon.

LIBRARY "TALKS."

Only the series for juveniles were given during the winter month of the year, and these have been greatly appreciated. See Table 1 Two of the "Talks" were repeated at the Castleton Branch Library response to appeals from the teachers of the district. The large audience attracted and the keen interest displayed by the children will encoura your Committee to arrange for a series at the Branch during the commitment. The cordial thanks of the Committee have been tendered the lecturers and chairmen of the meetings.

HOLIDAY READING.

Books to the number of 1,176 were issued to borrowers as a holiday privilege during July and August. This is a considerable increase on last year's figure, when 340 books were so issued.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

Books, periodicals and magazines collected from the public have again been regularly dispatched for use in the Camp's Library.

BUILDINGS.

The structure is in good repair and only minor work, mainly roof repairs, was needed during the year. The insurance against "air risks" was renewed.

STAFF.

The work of serving the public efficiently has been carried on during the year with some difficulty owing to the absence of the trained male assistants. The women assistants, engaged temporarily, are, however, doing their best to render satisfactory service, and to them much credit is due for their efforts. It is to be regretted that certain work—the cataloguing and classification of books added before 1912—requiring trained assistants must of necessity remain undone until normal times.

Mr. R. Slater, caretaker of the Castleton Branch Library, died during the year. He had rendered excellent service to the Committee since the formation of the Branch in 1905. R. Duffy was appointed to the vacancy. Miss E. L. Simm, a junior assistant, resigned in October. Miss D. A. Pugh and Miss L. Holroyd were appointed as temporary assistants during the year.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance during the year has increased from 56,981 to 67,555; an increase of 10,574; the number of days open was 363, and the daily average attendance 186 against 157 for 363 days the previous year.

ART GALLERY PERMANENT COLLECTION.

No purchases have been made for this section during the year, and the Ogden Bequest Fund has been allowed to accumulate.

In last year's report mention was made of the prospective bequest of pictures, etc., to the Art Gallery from Col. Sir C. M. Royds, C.B. Through the kindness of Lady Royds this most interesting and valuable collection was handed over in November, 1916, to the Committee. The collection is being exhibited at the present time in Gallery No. 1, where it is attracting much attention and forms a valuable exhibit.

The pictures forming the permanent collection have received close attention during the year, and over 60 of the oil paintings were removed from their frames and thoroughly cleaned.

Considerable progress has been made on the catalogue of the Permanent Collection that it is hoped to issue as soon as funds permit on the resumption of normal times.

EXHIBITIONS.

The annual Spring Exhibitions have been suspended since 1914, but certain topical exhibitions were arranged, and these gave much pleasure and instruction to the public. Your Committee felt that by arranging these small exhibitions, at little cost, they were, besides maintaining interest in the Art Gallery, also helping to relieve many from the depression of the time,

The Shakespeare Tercentenary was celebrated by an exhibition of portraits of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, views of Stratford and Elizabethan London, coins and medals, portraits of actors, play-bills of Shakespearian interest and the like. No fewer than 349 items were exhibited. Of particular interest was the First Folio and three of the original Quartos of Shakespeare's plays that were kindly loaned for the exhibition by their owner, Mr. A. J. Law, of Honresfeld, Littleborough. The Committee were deeply indebted to Mr. Robert Bateman, Curator, Whitworth Institute, Manchester, and a former member of the Rochdale Public Library Staff, for the loan of his valuable and comprehensive collection of pictorial Shakespeariana that formed the bulk of the exhibition. The exhibition was opened by His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Robert Turner, J.P.), on April 14th, and a scholarly address given, under the auspices of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, by Mr. H. Guppy, M.A., Librarian, John Rylands Library, Manchester, on "Why we honour Shakespeare."

The first week of the exhibition coincided with performances of Shakespeare's plays in the town by Mr. F. R. Benson and Company, and Mr. Benson readily consented to lecture on "Shakespeare's message to us to-day." This was given on the afternoon of April 15th, in No. 4 Gallery, and the thoughtful and beautifully phrased address was listened to with great interest by a large audience. A 36 p.p. catalogue of the exhibition was published that included a facsimile of the title page of the exhibited First Folio, and also included a list of books in the Libraries on Shakespeare. Special visits to the exhibition were made by the children attending the schools of the Borough, and it was also visited by the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. The exhibition was widely noticed in the press, and enquiries for the catalogue issued were received from many parts of the world.

The annual exhibition of the School of Art and Sketching Club was held, as usual, in the Galleries, from September 22nd to October 15th.

On October 19th was exhibited a collection of photographs of English Cathedrals and Abbeys, kindly loaned by their owners, Messrs. W. A. Mansell & Co. The collection was a very representative one, and presented some of the finest examples of English architecture in a most artistic manner.

A series of water-colour drawings of the British Firing Line in France and Flanders, by E. Handley-Reed, was exhibited on November 15th, and attracted much attention. The pictures were remarkable for their wonderful colour and the vividness with which they depicted the destruction following the path of modern warfare. A catalogue of the exhibition was published.

The centenary of the birth of Edwin Waugh, born January 29th, 1817, the Rochdale born Lancashire poet and dialect writer, was celebrated by an exhibition of his portraits, photographs, manuscripts and personal relics. It was opened on January 20th with a lecture, arranged by the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, given by Mr. Henry Brierley, B.A., on "Edwin Waugh, dialect writer, poet and humorist." Songs and recitations were also given at the meeting by Mr. R. B. Brierley, Mr. A. Webster and Mr. W. Baron. The exhibition was one of the most successful of the series of the year, and was visited by many from various parts of Lancashire. A catalogue of the exhibition was published.

On the 22nd March was exhibited a loan collection of seven pictures obtained from the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art. These are still on exhibition in No. 2 Gallery, and are a source of enjoyment to visitors to the Galleries.

The number of visitors attending the various exhibitions was as follows :—

Shakespeare Tercentenary, April 14th to May 28th	13,483
School of Art Exhibition, September 22nd to October 15th	4,555
English Cathedrals and Abbeys, October 19th to Nov-	
ember 13th	4,422
British Firing Line, November 15th to December 17th	5,605
Edwin Waugh Centenary, January 20th to March 11th	9,179

MUSEUM.

Only the ordinary necessary work has been carried on in the Museum. There is much to be done when times and funds will allow.

LOANS.

The four cases of objects of art on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum have not been changed and remain for another twelve months.

A Model engines, the handiwork of Mr. J. Buckley and Mr. F. Buckley, were received on loan for three months and were a source of much attraction.

" TALKS."

None were arranged during the past twelve months, but it is hoped that their valuable aid in popularising the Museum will be again active in the near future.

WILD FLOWER EXHIBITION.

The annual exhibition of wild flowers of the district had again a very successful period. Several hundred specimens being exhibited throughout the spring and summer. The thanks of the Committee are due to the kindly interest and active collecting of specimens by Mr. T. Clegg, and also to the students of the Secondary School.

MUSEUM HANDBOOK.

Part II. of "Querns and other Corn-grinding stones in the Rochdale district," by Mr. J. L. Maxim, M.Sc., F.G.S., forming No. 5 of the Museum publications, was issued during the year.

CLOSING HOURS.

Owing to the restricted lighting hours the Art Gallery and Museum have been closed daily at dusk.

LOAN OF ROOM.

On the application of the local committee for National Service the use of No. 1 Museum Room, for enquiry purposes, was granted by your Committee.

Signed,

WILSON DUNNING, CHÀIRMAN.

25th April, 1917.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1916-17	Issued. 1915-16
Theology and Philosophy	 1,019	156	196
Biography	 974	. 131	135
History and Travels	 4,344	1,000	1,035
Law, Politics, and Commerce	 1,463	348	298
Arts and Science	 3,122	1,992	2,276
Fiction	 164	51	75
Poetry and Drama	 885	203	226
Miscellaneous Literature	 6,647	1,443	1,744
Patent Specifications		534	694
	18,618	5,858*	6,679*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library .	 1,761	15,691	19,856
Total	 20,379	21,549	26,535

Days open, 363; daily average issue, 59.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATIO	No. of Volumes	Volumes 1916-17	Issued. 1915-16			
Theology and Philosophy				2,452	755	1,090
Biography				3,882	1,264	1,441
History and Travels				6,301	3,318	3,992
Law, Politics, and Commerce				1,295	531	560
Arts and Science	• • •			6,914	7,503	7,121
Fiction				8,969	59,732	58,768
Juvenile Literature	•••	•••		2,772	19,009	23,003
Poetry and Drama				1,499	1,122	1,099
Miscellaneous Literature		·		7,858	4,910	6,718
Books for the Blind	•••	•••		307	602	608
Total	•••	•••	•••	42,199	98,746	104,400

Days open, 264; daily average issue, 374.

^{*} Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.	No. of Volumes	Volumes Issued. 1916-17 1915-16
Theology and Philosophy	80	75 30
Biography	272	291 200
History and Travels	320	680 604
Law, Politics, and Commerce	153	76 45
Arts and Science	379	972 665
Fiction and Juvenile Literature	2,542	21,578 13,216
Poetry and Drama	119	253 183
Miscellaneous Literature	674	2,294 1,855
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	218	20,372 16,519
Total	4,757	46,591 33,317

Days open, 251; daily average issue, 186.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

	Hea	Healey		place	Smallbridge	
CLASSIFICATION.	Volumes issued. 1916-17 1915-161				d. issued.	
Theology and Philosophy	13	48	137	115	3	12
Biography	. 8	31	38	19	42	54
History and Travels	. 19	31	121	62	77	113
Law, Politics, and Commerce	2	5	9	4	1	12
Arts and Science	. 5	37	86	37	71	119
Fiction	1,696	1,737	9,358	6,916	4,267	3,724
Poetry and Drama	. 1	6	1	1	49	61
Miscellaneous Literature	265	268	77	20	230	249
Juvenile Literature	473	1,272	4,393	2,405	499	911
	2,482	2,655	14,220	9,579	5,239	5,255
	1916-17				1915-16	,
Total		21,941			17,489	

Average days open, 305; daily average issue, 72.

TABLE V.

JUVENILE "TALKS."

*October 26th, 1916 ... Mr. William Smalley, "Other worlds around us." Chairman:—Mr. J. Mack, Central Council School. Attendance 174.

November 23rd, 1916 ... Mr. T. Humphreys, "Honey Bees." Chairman:—Mr. T. L. Roberts, St. Mary's (Wardleworth) C.E. School. Attendance 164.

January 9th, 1917 ... Mr. A. E. Johnson, "The Message of the microscope." Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon. Attendance 163.

January 18th, 1917 ... rev. Raymond Williamson, "Changing China," Chairman:—Mr. G. Jarvie, Meanwood Conneil School. Attendance 204.

February 8th, 1917 ... Mr. T. Stenhouse, "A piece of coal, what we obtain from it." Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon, Attendance 164.

*March 8th, 1917 ... Mr. W. J. Lawson, "Cats and dogs" Chairman:—Mr. J. Fothergill, Newbold Council School. Attendance 174.

^{*} Repeated at the Castleton Branch Library.

TABLE VI.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Ashton, R., Rochdale.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Ashworth, W. E., Rochdale.

Bateman, Robert, Manchester.

Bibby, Messrs. J. & Sons, Ltd., Liverpool.

Bright, J. A., Rochdale.

Brittain, J. H., Rochdale.

Boothman, S., Rochdale,

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.

City and Guilds of London Institute.

Co-operative Union Ltd., Manchester.

Curwen, Messrs. J. & Sons, Ltd., London.

Datta, Roby, Calcutta.

Dawson, Councillor J. T., Roch-dale.

Dawson, W., Rochdale,

Duckworth, F., Rochdale.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Holden, J. E., Rochdale.

Incorporated Society of Musicians, London.

Kay, Executors of the late Thomas, Stockport.

Kemp's Publishing Co., Messrs., Leeds.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., London.

National Union of Teachers, London.

North Eastern Railway Co., Manchester.

Order of the Cross, The, Paignton.

Paton, Messrs. J. & J., London.

Platt, S. S., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Registrar, The, Durham University.

Registrar, The, Edinburgh University.

Registrar, The, Manchester University.

Rhodes, J. H., Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Schofield, C. W., Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

Stubbs Publishing Co. Ltd., Messrs., London,

Taylor, E. L., Rochdale.

Wadsworth, A. P., Rochdale.

White, Rev. W. S., Rochdale.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brookline (U.S.A.), Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Burnley, Bury, Cardiff, Chelsea, Coventry, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Gateshead, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ipswich, John Rylands Library (Manchester), Keighley, Leeds, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Nelson, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Oldham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Rawtenstall, Runcorn, Salford, Shoreditch, South Shields, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Walthamstow, Warrington, Wigan, Willesden, York,

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE MUSEUM.

Avebury, Lord, per British Museum. Butterworth, J., Castleton. Clegg, T., Rochdale. Darwin, J., Rochdale. Dewhirst, T., Rochdale. Dunham, J., Rochdale. Dunning, Alderman W., Rochdale. Grindrod, J. K., Rochdale. Hampson, The late Miss, Rochdale. Handley, J. Edgar, Rochdale. Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale. Hibbert, E., Manchester. Hodgkinson, J. W., Rochdale. Holt, Lient. H. W., France. Kemp, Miss E. G., Rochdale. King, F., Rochdale. Leach, Lieut. G. B., Rochdale. Leach, J. H., Rochdale. Lord, I., Rochdale. Lord, Thomas, Rochdale. Maxim, J. L., M.Sc., F.G.S. Rochdale. Mills, G., Rochdale. Parker, W. A., F.G.S., Rochdale.

Peters, J. F., Windermere. Petrie, G., Rochdale. Pilling, Walter, Rochdale. Platt, S. S., F.G.S., Rochdale. Ratcliffe, Sapper Alex., Essex. Ratcliffe, E., Rochdale. Rhodes, J. H., Rochdale. Rothwell, J., Rochdale. Royds, Lady, Rochdale. Schofield, R. W., Rochdale. Shore, I., Rochdale. Stott, C. H., Rochdale. Tavaré, F. L., Manchester. Taylor, Mrs. A. Morrie, Zealand. Taylor, E. L., Rochdale. Thorburn, Miss, Rochdale. Turner, Renben, Rochdale, Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Water Works Committee, Rochdale.

Watson, A. G., Rochdale.

Watson, Miss I. E., Rochdale.

Wellstood, F. C., Stratford.

REPORTS, CATALOGUES, HANDBOOKS, from the following:—Brighton Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museum; Colchester Museum; Liverpool Museum and Art Gallery; Manchester Art Gallery; Mysore Government Museum; National Museum (U.S.A.).

TABLE VIII.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and

Museum, 1916-17.

Month.		Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day,
APRIL		. 29	8,492	294
MAY		. 31	6,983	225
June		. 30	5,580	18€
July		. 31	4,840	156
August	··· ··	. 31	5,474	177
September		. 30	5,704	190
October		. 31	5,281	170
November		. 30	4,988	166
DECEMBER		. 30	4,821	161
JANUARY		. 31	5,483	177
FEBRUARY		. 28	4,390	157
March		. 31	5,514	178
1916-17		. 363	67,555	186
1915-16		. 363	56,981	157
Totals since op Apr	pening il, 1903	. 4,685	871,873	186 .

Statement of Accounts.

Year ended 31st March, 1917.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£	S.	d.
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Salaries and Wages	700 1 8			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c	93 15 2			
Books	242 14 3			
Newspapers and Periodicals	102 4 3			
Bookbinding	92 9 7			
Printing and Stationery	99 16 10			
Rent and Insurance	48 7 11			
Repairs and Sundries	81 1 4			
Advertising, Stamps, &c.	27 17 4			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.	272 13 0	1761	1	4
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Wages	81 8 1			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	32 8 7			
Books	19 13 1			
Newspapers and Periodicals	41 11 9			
Repairs and Sundries	10 15 8			
Carriage of Books	0 13 5	186	10	7
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Salary and Wages	200 14 3			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance of Pictures, &c	127 1 11			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	13 15 8			
Repairs and Sundries	93 5 1			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	47 9 2			
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Year ending March 31st, 1917.

Income. £ s. d.	£	s.	d.
Borough Rate-	•		
Amount Received	2700	0	0
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Fines and Fees			
Cards, Catalogues, &c	79	8	4
Bank Interest	29	0	10
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.			
Fines, Cards, Catalogues, &c			
Hire of Room 9 5 0	21	17	2
	2830	6	4
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.			
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	2837	17	8
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Memoranda.

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Population of the Borough, 1915-94,320.

Net Rateable Value—£445,401

Product of Rate-£2,700.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened—1905.

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913.

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

New Juvenile Lending Department Opened—1915.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1917-18.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

ROCHDALE:

E. Wrigley & Sons Limited, Printers, Acker Street.

1918.



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PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1917-1918.

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Junior Assistants	•••	•••	E. Bottomley, * J. N. Dykes.
Temporary Assistants	•••	•••	Misses Nicholl, West, Puge Rudd, Gregson.

Caretakers W. Rhodes, E. Howard, T. A. Marsden.

Cleaner: Mrs. W. Rhodes, Mrs. E. Howard.

*Serving with His Majesty's Forces,

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1917-18.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Libraries Acts and Museum Act, have pleasure in presenting the following report of the work accomplished during the year ending 31st March, 1918.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Public Libraries of the country are now receiving far more public attention than they have done in the past, and signs are not wanting that in the future greater demands will be made upon them for furthering general education and increasing industrial efficiency. Everything points to an increasing and far wider reading public after the war, and a greater utility of public library work. The present building has for some time been taxed to its utmost capacity, and the next few years will bring for consideration the question of extending the Central Library.

The Committee report, with satisfaction, a considerable increase of books issued, and particularly the fact that each section of the Library system participate in the increased issue.

The total recorded circulation of books from all departments was **228,412**, against 188,827 for the year 1916-17, an increase of **39,585** volumes issued. These figures do not include the considerable use made of the several hundred volumes of reference books kept on the open shelves in the Reference Library.

By De	partments	the circu	lation	was:
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	1917-18	1916-17
Central Lending Library	119,190	98,746
Central Reference Library	6,209	5,858
Central Boys' Library	17,521	15,691
Castleton Branch Library	53,742	46,591
Healey Delivery Station	4,680	2,482
Lowerplace Delivery Station	20,720	14,220
Smallbridge Delivery Station	6,350	5,239
Total	228,412	188,827
By Classes the circulation was:—	1917-18	1916-17
A Theology Dhilesephy	940	1 120
A.—Theology, Philosophy		1,139
B.—Biography C.—History, Travels	2,159 $6,499$	1,774 5,215
D.—Law, Politics, Commerce	1,253	967
E.—Arts, Science	11,748	10.629
F.—Fiction		96,682
G.—Poetry, Drama	1,599	1,629
H.—Miscellaneous Literature		9,219
I.—Books for the Blind		602
J.—Juvenile Literature		60,437
P.—Patent Specifications	247	534
TOTAL	228,412	188,827

The Central Lending Library has an increased issue of 20,444 volumes; the Central Reference Library an increase of 351; the Central Boys' Library of 1,830; the Castleton Branch Library of 7,151; the three Delivery Stations—Healey, Lowerplace and Smallbridge—increases of 2,198, 6,500 and 1,111 respectively.

During the year 2,939 tickets were issued to Lending Library borrowers. The total number of tickets now in use is 9,509; this total includes 5,282 ordinary tickets, 794 supplementary tickets and 3,433 scholars' tickets. The total number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 8,715.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries is 64,929, exclusive of the Patent Office publications, Parliamentary and other papers. The heavy issues for the past few years are reflected in the considerable wear and tear of the stock, and the Committee are experiencing

greater difficulty in maintaining the books in good condition. The Central Lending Library now contains 39,865 volumes; the Central Reference 18,465 volumes; the Central Boys' 1,727 volumes; and the Castleton Branch 4,872 volumes.

1,132 volumes were added during the year, and were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library		•••	819	volumes
Central Reference Library			119	,,
Castleton Branch Library	•••		194	,,
			1,132	,,

BINDING. WITHDRAWALS.

The wear and tear of the stock already mentioned resulted in a greater number of books needing rebinding, and the 1,759 volumes rebound during the year is an increase of 538 on the figures of last year. Minor repairs to the number of 3,935, against 2,760 the previous year, were made by the staff. 428 volumes were replaced by new copies, 764 are waiting replacement, and 2,824 were discarded as worn out, or out of date, and not replaced.

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered their thanks to the donors of 204 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year.

OVERDUES.

2,061 postal applications were made for books overdue, and 40 personal visits made by the staff for the purpose of locating removals. 12 volumes, of minor value, were lost from the Libraries during the year. Fines for the detention of books amounted to £76 15s. 4d., and £1 1s. 0d. was received for books lost or damaged by borrowers.

PUBLICATIONS.

The issue of new sectional catalogues is still suspended until the return of the trained staff and normal conditions. The Annual Catalogue of books added and the Quarterly List of recent additions being suspended, greater use has been made of the recent additions card catalogue.

The Fiction Catalogue of 1915 went out of print during the year covered by the report, and the Committee decided not to publish a new edition for the present.

The only publication of the year was a catalogue of Business Books, which is noticed in the following paragraph.

COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES.

Much attention has been given during the year, by various library authorities, to the formation of commercial libraries. Some of the larger cities have arranged special departments in order to aid in the development of domestic and foreign trade. All public libraries contain books of service to business men, but few are able to arrange for separate departments as at Glasgow and Liverpool. The most the smaller libraries can do is to bring to the notice of the business community of its area the books available, and to keep such books easy of access and constantly up to date. In order to present this aspect of the library to the commercial men of the Borough a small handbook of Business Books was published and distributed free. Since the publication of this list the books have been in great demand.

JUVENILE "TALKS."

The series of "Talks" to juveniles again found appreciative audiences, and the better class of books issued from the Juvenile library immediately following a talk is particularly noticeable. The Committee were under obligation to the Committee of the Rochdale Pioneers' Co-operative Society for providing the services of Mr. H. Crowther at two of the "Talks," and desire to express their appreciation of the kindness of the Society.

CASTLETON BRANCH.

A complete card catalogue of the stock at this Branch is nearing completion, and should prove of service to borrowers when available. It should be noted that the issue of books from the Branch last year was a record one. The lecture room continues to be used in the winter months, for educational purposes, by the Education Committee and the Castleton Literary and Scientific Society. The loan of the room was granted on several occasions to the Rochdale and District Allotments Federation for the purpose of lectures.

HOLIDAY READING.

Books to the number of 2,731 were issued to borrowers as a holiday privilege during July and August. This is a considerable increase on last year's figures, when 1,176 books were issued.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

Many hundreds of books, periodicals and magazines were given by the public to the Libraries for delivery to the Camps' Library.

BUILDINGS.

The structure is in good condition, only minor repairs being needed during the year; the internal decoration, however, requires attention. The insurance against "air_risks" was renewed.

LIBRARY CONFERENCE.

Your Chief Librarian attended the Conference of the Library Association, held in London last October, and presented a report of the proceedings to this Committee. The progressive policy of the Association was commended by your Committee.

STAFF.

Many changes have taken place during the year, but were such as did not materially affect the working of the departments. Mr. F. Helliwell and Misses Willott, Holroyd and Guest resigned their appointments. The Misses West, Rudd and Gregson were appointed to the temporary staff.

Mr. M. Hind, Caretaker, Central Library, resigned, and Mr. E. Howard was engaged as assistant caretaker. Mr. W. Rhodes, Caretaker, Art Gallery and Museum, was appointed Caretaker of the Central Library, Art Gallery and Museum. Mr. F. Smith, Caretaker, Castleton Branch, resigned, and Mr. T. Marsden was appointed temporary caretaker.

The women assistants, both permanent and temporary, have shown commendable willingness and loyalty during a particularly heavy and busy year.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

The work of these departments continue to obtain added appreciation from the public. The attendance for the year, which constitutes a record, being 90,572 for 361 days open, compared with 67,555 for 363 days the previous year, an increased attendance of 23,017. The policy adopted by the Committee last year, of holding small topical exhibitions, at slight financial cost, has met with much appreciation from visitors to the departments.

Mr. R. T. HEAPE.

The Committee desire to record in this report their deep sense of sorrow at the death, in August last, of Mr. Robert Taylor Heape. Mr. Heape, by his series of munificent gifts of paintings and statuary, practically created the present permanent collection of which the Borough is justly proud. Possessing a keen appreciation of the beautiful, in nature and art, he gave freely of his treasures to add to the artistic enjoyment of his native townspeople. The following resolution, dated 12th September, 1917, has been recorded on the minutes of the Committee:—

Resolved—"That this Committee hereby record the expression of their regret at the death of Mr. Robert Taylor Heape, the generous donor of pictures to the Art Gallery,

and to whom the town is principally indebted for the excellence of the present collection, and that the sympathy of the Committee be extended to Mr. Richard Heape and other members of the family in their bereavement."

ART GALLERY PERMANENT COLLECTION.

Owing to prevailing conditions no purchases for this section were made during the year, and the Ogden Bequest Fund, now amounting to 41,046, has been allowed to accumulate.

DONATIONS.

As a memorial to his brother, Mr. Richard Heape presented a fine collection of 25 water colour drawings, together with a portrait in oils of Mr. R. T. Heape. The Committee gratefully tendered their thanks to Mr. Heape for his generous gift, which will add beauty to the art collection.

A bronze statuette "Perseus and Andromeda," by Gregoire, was the gift of Mrs. J. A. Bright.

EXHIBITIONS.

The Exhibition of Allied War Photographs, loaned by H.M. Government, proved very successful during its run from August 11th to September 2nd. The fine photographs, some 400 in all, illustrated the various activities (naval, military and industrial) of the allied nations. It is worth recording the record one day attendance to the Art Gallery, which was obtained on the closing day of the exhibition, when 1,176 people passed through the turnstiles.

An Exhibition of fine lithographs, illustrating "Britain's efforts and ideals in the Great War," was on exhibition from October 8th to November 4th. The prints, sixty-six in number, were the work of 18 artists of distinction, and represented a wide diversity of outlook, both in conception and execution.

The Annual Exhibition of the School of Art and Sketching Club was held from September 15th to October 7th, and was interesting as a view of the artistic work done locally.

In January the Committee accepted a loan, for the duration of the war, of 66 water colour drawings from the Whitworth Institute, Manchester. The drawings form a representative view of the development of this most English art, and is quite the finest collection of water colour drawings exhibited in the Art Gallery. The drawings are exhibited in the No. 3 Gallery, and, in order that the development of the art may be

clearly studied, are hung in chronological order. The Committee are much indebted to the Whitworth Institute Committee for this fine loan, and to Mr. Robert Bateman's kindly interest.

The seven pictures on loan from the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, London, are still on exhibition, and the Committee have accepted a further loan of 16 paintings from the same gallery. These, it is hoped, will be exhibited shortly.

The number of visitors to the exhibitions was as follows:—	
Allied War Photographs, August 11th to September	
2nd	14,434
Britain's Efforts and Ideals, October 8th to Novem-	
ber 4th	7,490
School of Art Exhibition, September 15th to October	
7th	7,238

LOAN OF ROOMS.

The Committee were pleased to grant the use of the Art Gallery and Museum for the annual meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes, held on September 28th. A large number of delegates, including Dr. H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education, attended the meeting, and many expressions of admiration for the galleries and their contents were heard.

The use of No. 2 Gallery was granted to the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society for a lecture by Mr. Robert Bateman on "Some ethical pictures of G. F. Watts."

PICTURES FOR THE Y.M.C.A.

In response to an appeal made by the Y.M.C.A. for unframed pictures and prints, for use in military areas, the Committee collected from the public over 300 items.

MUSEUM.

Practically nothing but the ordinary necessary work has been done in the Museum for the year.

WAR MUSEUM.

Your Committee approved of the formation of a war section in the Museum, to contain objects of local interest associated with the war.

LOANS.

The cases of objects of art from the Victoria and Albert Museum remain unchanged. The John Bright collection of Staffordshire pottery, and the fine inlaid oriental table remain on loan and are much admired.

DONATIONS.

An important donation of minerals, fossils, and rocks, the collection of the late Mr. W. H. Sutcliffe, F.G.S., was received from his family during the year.

Another welcome donation was that received from Mr. Arnold Schofield, of Littleborough, consisting of 179 British birds and animals in 26 cases. This donation has been on exhibition in No. 2 Museum Room and has attracted much attention.

A fine old hand loom was the gift of Rev. Stuart White, Healey.

WILD FLOWER EXHIBITION.

The wild flowers of the district, to the number of several hundred specimens, were again exhibited during the spring and summer months. The kindly interest of Mr. T. Clegg and other friends are again acknowledged.

CLOSING HOURS.

The continued lighting restrictions made it necessary to close the Art Gallery and Museum at dusk.

LOAN OF ROOM.

The use of No. 1 Museum Room, granted in February, 1917, to the National Service Local Committee was continued until September, 1917. The same month an application of the Local Food Control Committee for the use of the room was granted. The Committee regret the loss of the room for Museum purposes, but desired to assist this necessary important work.

BUILDINGS.

The Art Gallery and Museum structure is in good repair. Snow boards were fitted on the roofs of Galleries No. 3 and 4.

Signed,

WILSON DUNNING,

CHAIRMAN.

*4th April, 1918.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.		No. of Volumes	Volumes 1917-18	Issued. 1916-17
Theology and Philosophy		1,019	185	156
Biography		976	193	131
History and Travels		4,370	1,272	1,000
Law, Politics, and Commerce		1,464	320	348
Arts and Science		3,155	1,816	1,992
Fiction		164	55	51
Poetry and Drama		887	100	203
Miscellaneous Literature		6,430	2,021	1,443
Patent Specifications			247	534
		18,465	6,209*	5,858*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library		1,727	17,521	15,691
Total	•••	20,192	23,730	21,549

Days open, 362; daily average issue, 65.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIF	TICATIO)N.			No. of Volumes	Volumes 1917-18	Issued. 1916-17
Theology and Philoso	phy			•••	2,118	700	755
Biography	•••				3,677	1,605	1,264
History and Travels		• • •			5,715	3,944	3,318
Law, Politics, and Co	mmerce				1,233	820	531
Arts and Science	•••				6,737	8,426	7,503
Fiction					8,795	69,598	59,732
Juvenile Literature	•••	•••	•••	•••	2,565	26,533	19,009
Poetry and Drama	•••		• • •		1,468	1,172	1,122
Miscellaneous Litera	ture	•••	• • •		7,250	5,785	4,910
Books for the Blind	•••	•••	•••	·	307	607	602
	Total			•	39,865	119,190	98,746

Days open, 262; daily average issue, 455.

Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

· Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.		No. of Volumes	Volumes 1917-18	
Theology and Philosophy	•••	80	47	75
Biography		275	223	291
History and Travels		333	780	680
Law, Politics, and Commerce		154	106	76
Arts and Science		413	1,301	972
Fiction and Juvenile Literature	•••	2,609	29,004	21,578
Poetry and Drama		119	259	253
Miscellaneous Literature		679	2,761	2,294
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library		210	19,261	20,372
Total		4,872	53,742	46,591

Days open, 249; daily average issue, 216.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

	Healey		Lowerplace		Smallbridge		
CLASSIFICATION.	issu		Volu issu 1917-18	ed.	Volumes issued. 1917-18 1916-1		
Theology and Philosophy	3	13	5	137	0	3	
Biography	22	8	114	38	2	42	
History and Travels	106	19	295	121	102	77	
Law, Politics, and Commerce	6	2	0	9	1	1	
Arts and Science	20	5	88	86	97	71	
Fiction	2,775	1,696	13,238	9,358	5,306	4,267	
Poetry and Drama	0	1	13	1	55	49	
Miscellaneous Literature	160	265	248	77	422	230	
Juvenile Literature	1,588	473	6,719	4,393	365	499	
	4,680	2,482	20,720	14,220	6,350	5,239	
	1917-18			. 1916-17			
Total		31,750		21,941			

Average days open, 304; daily average issue, 104.

Table V.—Library Statistics arranged as suggested by the Library Association.

GENERAL.			01.405			
Population at last Census *Amount of Rate in the pound	•••		91,437			
	•••		1.66d. 4.07d.			
Total Cost of Library per inhabitant	•••	• • •	4.07d. 5.9d.			
Total Cost of Library per inhabitant Number of Separate Establishments (includ	es three	Delive	rv			
Stations)			5			
Number of Staff:—						
Whole time, male	• • •	• • •	1			
Whole time, female Part time, male	• • •		8 3			
Part time, male *Includes Art Gallery and	Musen	m	3			
· ·						
INCOME AND EXPENI	DITURE		Per cent. of			
Income:—	(0.040		total income			
From Rate From Library Receipts	£2,043	•••	92.1 7.9			
From Library Receipts	£176		7.9			
Total Income	£2,219		100.0			
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Expenditure :—			Per cent. of			
Library Service:—	£		expenditure			
Books Binding	253		11.11			
Binding	154		6.76			
Newspapers and Periodicals Fittings and Furniture	181		7.95			
Fittings and Furniture	62		2.72			
Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc.	95		4.17			
Salaries	806	· · · ·	35.41			
Total	£1,551	-	68.12			
Fabric Charges:—	£1,001		06.12			
*	$2\overset{z}{9}5$		12.96			
Rent, Taxes and Insurance	35		1.53			
Upkeep of Buildings	65		2.85			
Heating and Lighting (including		•••	-100			
wages)	331		14.54			
6 /						
Total	£726		31.88			
Total Expenditure	£2,277		100.00			
Total Expellential	22,277					
STOCKS.		Lendir				
No. of Volumes at beginning of year		47,006	20,379			
No. of Volumes withdrawn during year		3,710	306			
Additions during year (Replacements 428)		1,441	119 20,192			
Total Volumes at end of year		44,737	20,192			
Total Volumes at end of year Volumes per head of population	1	per 2.0	04 1 per 4.5			
ISSUES.		Total	Daily aver			
Lending Library Issues		204,682	781			
Children's Reading Room Issues		17,521	48			
Reference Library Recorded Issues		6,209				
Children's Reading Room Issues Reference Library Recorded Issues Reference Library Open Shelves Issues (estim	ated)	21,700				
issues from Lending Library per head of population 2.2						
BORROWERS.						
No. of Actual Borrowers, and Percentage	10	0.71-	0.5			
Borrowers to population No. of Supplementary Tickets held	• • •	8,715				
No. of Supplementary Tickets held	d for	794	•••			
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use (tickets val		0.500				
three years)	***	9,509	•••			

TABLE VI.

JUVENILE "TALKS"

- October 11th, 1917 ... Mr. Henry Crowther, "Marvels of bird life."

 Chairman:—Mr. F. Pawson, Castleton
 Council School. Attendance 220.
- November 22nd, 1917 Mr. Henry Crowther, "Wonders of the sea and shore." Chairman:—Mr. W. A. Parker, Parish Church School. Attendance 227.
- December 18th, 1917.. Mr. Councillor E. Thomas, "Jerusalem and the East." Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson. Attendance 128.
- January 17th, 1918 ... Mr. J. A. Grindrod, "The Beauties of the moon." Chairman :—Mr. J. White, Parish Church School. Attendance 235.
- March 14th, 1918 ... Rev. R. Workman, "Some more Irish fairies." Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon. Attendance 163.

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale.

Brierley, Henry, Wigan.

British Engineers' Association.

Brittain, J. H., Rochdale.

Butterworth, Miss, Rochdale.

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.

City and Guilds of London Institute.

Clarke, Canon, Rochdale.

Co-operative Union Ltd.

Coupe, S. L., Norden.

Cunliffe, Alderman W., J.P., Rochdale.

Donald, J., Glasgow.

Dunning, Alderman W., J.P., Rochdale.

Hickson, W. H., Rochdale.

Holden, J. E; Rochdale.

Homer, J. A., Birmingham.

Hudson, J. A., Rochdale.

National Conference on housing after the war, Committee of the.

Perry, Messrs. Walter & Co., Ltd., London.

Platt, S. S., Rochdale.

Registrar, The, University of Manchester.

Registrar General, The, Canada.

Registrar General, The, New Zealand.

Renshaw, Isaac, Rochdale.

Research Defence Society.

Rochdale and District Sunday School Union.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.

Rothwell, A., Rochdale.

Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society.

Shepherd, John, Birkenhead.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

Stott, C. H., Rochdale.

Stubb's Publishing Co. Ltd., Messrs., London.

Taylor, E. L., Rochdale.

Turner Bros., Messrs., Rochdale.

University College of Wales.

Wadsworth, A., Rochdale.

Wrigley, Messrs. E., & Sons Ltd., Rochdale.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Belfast, Blackburn, Bolton, Brookline (U.S.A.), Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Burnley, Bury, Derby, Dundee, Gateshead, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Keighley, Leeds, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Oxford, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Rhode Island (U.S.A.), Runcorn, Shoreditch, South Australia, South Shields, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Todmorden, Walthamstow, Watford, Wigan.

TABLE VIII.

DONORS TO THE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Battye, J., Rochdale.
Dickson, J., Rochdale.
Fountain, George, Rochdale.
Grindrod, J. K., Rochdale.
Hall, P. Garnett, Rochdale.
Handley, J. E., Rochdale.
Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.
Kay, Alexander, Middleton.
Leach, R. A., Rochdale.

Schofield, Arnold, Littleborough.
Schofield, B., J.P., Rochdale.
Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.
Simpson, J., Rochdale.
Taylor, R. W., Prestwich.
Turner, Robert, J.P., Rochdale.
Payne, J., Castleton.
White, Rev. Stuart, Rochdale.
Whitham, E., Rochdale.

REPORTS, CATALOGUES, HANDBOOKS, from the following Art Galleries and Museums:—Brighton, Manchester, National Museum of Wales, Norwich, Sunderland, Whitechapel.

TABLE 1X.

Attendance of Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, 1917-18.

Month.		Days Open.	Visitors.	Average per day.
APRIL		29	5,794	199
May		31	4,292	138
June		29	5,394	186
July		31	5,574	179
August	•••	31	13,445	433
September		30	12,593	419
October	•••	31	7,868	253
November	•••	30	6,411	213
December	•••	30	6,882	227
JANUARY	•••	31	8,280	267
FEBRUARY		28	6,225	222
March		30	7,814	360
1917-18	•••	361	90,572	252
1916-17		363	67,555	186
Totals since op	ening il, 1903	5,046	962,445	190

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Statement of Accounts.

Year ended 31st March, 1918.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	893 17 0			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c	114 11 9			
Books	223 3 8			
Newspapers and Periodicals	137 15 7			
Bookbinding	154 10 10			
Printing and Stationery	67 14 4			
Rent and Insurance	34 19 2			
Repairs and Sundries	95 7 7			
Advertising, Stamps, &c	28 0 11			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	295 2 7			
		2045	3	5
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRAR	Y.			
Wages	87 0 3			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	44 2 6			
Books	28 14 0			
Newspapers and Periodicals	43 8 9			
Repairs and Sundries	26 19 2			
Carriage of Books	1 9 10			
		231	14	6
ART GALLERY AND MUSEU	M.			
Salary and Wages	169 19 3			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance				
of Pictures, &c	148 2 10			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	13 14 11			
Repairs and Sundries	97 1 3			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	65 13 4			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	539 8 4	1		
		1033	19	11
Surplus		16	9	6
		10	9	0
	£	3327	7	4

Year ending March 31st, 1918.

Income. Le s. d.	£	S.	d.
Borough Rate-			
Amount Received	3150	0	0
Fines and Fees			
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Bonk Interest	26	1	8
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CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.			
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	24	8	1
	3326	14	5
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.			
Catalogues, &c			
	0	12	11
,	3327	7	4
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Memoranda.



Population of the Borough, 1911 Census—91,437.

Net Rateable Value—£445,763.

Product of Rate—£3,150.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened—1905.

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913.

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

New Juvenile Lending Department Opened—1915.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES,
ART GALLERY &
MUSEUM COMMITTEE,
1918-1919.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1918-1919.

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Assistant Librarian		• • •	С. Ѕтотт.
Senior Assistant			J. P. Lamb.
Assistants	•••	•••	E. A. BOTTOMLEY, J. N. DYKES, Misses Burton, Ternent.
Temporary Assistants	•••	•••	Misses West, Pugh, Brown- Bridge.
Carelakers	•••	•••	W. Rhodes, J. T. Robinson, T. A. Marsden.
Cleaner:			Mrs. W. Rhodes, Mrs. J. T.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1918-19.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed to administer the Public Libraries Acts, and Museums Act, have pleasure in reporting upon the work for the year ending March 31st, 1919.

In May Alderman Wilson Dunning, J.P., resigned from the Town Connoil, and consequently relinquished the Chairmanship of the Committee, Alderman Dunning succeeded the late Colonel Fishwick as Chairman in 1914, and during the four years of his office was a source of strength in the administration of the work of the Committee. His business ability, sound judgment and close attention to detail was of great value in the difficulties caused by the exigencies of war, whilst his interest in art and literature was gratefully recognised. The Committee greatly regret the loss of his services.

Councillor J. T. Dawson was elected Chairman in June, 1918.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES,

In the report of last year mention was made of the necessity, owing to the demands of the reading public, for an extension of the present Central Library building. Your Committee regret that the present high cost of labour and building materials prevent them from presenting a scheme that would allow greater reading facilities and the introduction of the open-access method of issuing books from the Central Lending Library. The students using the present library frequently complain of the lack of accommodation necessary to the pursuit of their studies in quietness and with a reasonable amount of comfort. The present Boys' Reading Room, from a health point of view, is ill adapted to the extensive use made of it.

However, it may be stated that the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, which has done much for the extension of public library work in this country, has been approached for a building grant, and but for war conditions would probably have assisted the Committee in a generous manner.

The work of the Committee during the year has been particularly difficult owing to the many changes in the temporary staff, the high cost of new books, newspapers, binding, and the constantly increasing cost of establishment charges and supplies. In spite of these difficulties the Committee were able to meet an increased demand by the public on their resources with not unsatisfactory results. The issue of books again shows a commendable increase, and is a concrete instance of the way the libraries are being increasingly useful to the people of the Borough.

It will not be without interest to note that the book issues, during the final year of the war, have increased by 54,500 volumes on the prewar year of 1913-14, when 192,329 volumes were issued. The return of many hundreds of readers from war service and the consequent need for an increased supply of new books must not be lost sight of during the forthcoming year. It is also anticipated that the introduction of the new Education Act will not be without effect on the library system of the Borough.

The total recorded circulation of books from all departments was 246,829, against 228,412 for the year 1917-18, an increase of 18,417 volumes issued. These figures do not include the considerable use made of the several hundred volumes of reference books kept on the open shelves in the Reference Library.

В

By Departments the circulation was:—	1918-1919	1917-18	
Central Lending Library		119,190	
Central Boys' Library Castleton Branch Library	16,009 .	 6,209 17,521	
Healey Delivery Station	6,506 .	53,742 4,680	
Lowerplace Delivery Station		 20,720 6,350	
TOTAL	246,829 .	 228,412	

By Classes the circulation was :- -

1	910-1919	1	917-1916
A.—Theology, Philosophy	945		940
B.—Biography	1,502		2,159
C.—History, Travels	7,562		6,499
D.—Law, Politics, Commerce	1,059		1,253
E.—Arts, Science	11,231		11,748
F.—Fiction	141,378		119,976
G.—Poetry, Drama	1,814		1,599
H.—Miscellaneous Literature	12,008		11,397
I.—Books for the Blind	378		607
J.—Juvenile Literature	68,174		71,987
P.—Patent Specifications	778		247
· Total	246,829		228,412

1917-191

The number of new tickets issued to Lending Library borrowers during the year was 3,658. The total number of tickets now in use is 10,253. This total includes 6,077 ordinary tickets, 593 supplementary tickets, and 3,583 scholars' tickets. The number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 9,660, an increase of 945 on the total last year.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries is 64,478 exclusive of the Patent Office Publications, Parliamentary and other papers.

The heavy issues since 1913-14 have not been without effect on the stock, and a considerable amount of money could, if available, be spent on replacing with new copies many of the popular titles. Only 332 books were replaced by new copies, and no fewer than 1,019 are awaiting replacement. 1,511 books were rebound under contract during the year and minor repairs to the number of 4,531, against 3,935 the previous year, were made by the staff. The number of volumes discarded as worn out, or out of date and not replaced was 1,171.

The Central Lending Library now contains 39,312 volumes; the Central Reference 18,664 volumes; the Central Boys' 1,727; and the Castleton Branch 4,770 volumes.

1,295 volumes were added during the year, and were allocated as follows:—

Central Lending Library	 		948	volumes
Central Reference Library	 		199	,,
Castleton Branch Library	 		148	,,
		1	,295	

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered their thanks to the donors of 272 books and pamphlets presented to the Libraries during the year.

OVERDUES.

2,375 postal applications were made for books overdue, and 137 personal visits made by the staff for the purpose of locating removals. 13 volumes of minor value were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines for the detention of books amounted to £116–12s. 8d., and £1 4s. 11d. was received for books lost or damaged by borrowers.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Lending Libraries are still without up-to-date printed catalogues, and for the present borrowers are compelled to rely on the card catalogue of recent additions and the monthly typewritten lists of additions. It is of primary importance that this work should be undertaken as soon as staffing conditions permit.

Opportunity presented itself during the year for the issue of three "Little Catalogues" of books for (1)Mechanical Engineers and Metal Workers, (2) Building and Allied Trades, and (3) Textile Trades. These catalogues were issued free to the public, and their distribution to the various factories and workshops was systematically carried out. By their publication a valuable amount of publicity was obtained for the Libraries and a number of new borrowers obtained. Many expressions of interest in these technical books and their commercial value to the town have been received from employers and employees.

The first of the "Little Catalogues" of books for business and commercial men, issued in last year, is still in demand and the increased issue of these books is noticeable.

JUVENILE "TALKS."

The series of "Talks" to juveniles again proved attractive, and they become each winter a feature of our work for children. The Committee are again indebted to the Committee of the Rochdale Pioneers' Co-operative Society for providing the services of Mr. H. Crowther, Leeds Museum, at two of the "Talks."

It is hoped that next winter the adults will be again catered for by the provision of "Talks." It will be remembered that before 1914 the Committee had arranged several series of lectures on various phases of literature. It is desirable that in the future public lectures of an educational character shall become a definite part of this Committee's work.

SCHOOL VISITS.

Up to 1915 occasional visits were made to the Central Library by the elementary scholars of the Borough for the purpose of receiving instruction on the Library and its work. This seems very desirable and necessary, and acting on the principle that "work with children ought to form the basis of all library work," it has been arranged that next year a systematic scheme of library lessons will be given to elementary scholars. The scheme has been accepted by the Education Committee and the co-operation of the head teachers secured.

HOLIDAY READING.

Books to the number of 2,355 were issued to borrowers as a holiday privilege during July and August. This is a decrease on last year's figures, when 2,731 books were issued.

CASTLETON BRANCH.

Owing to the lack of a permanent Caretaker and the employment of a part-time Caretaker the children using the Boys' Reading Room became unruly to such an extent that the Committee regretfully decided in November to close the room temporarily. The result of the closing is shown in the decreased issue of books. As in former years the lecture room continues to be used in the winter months by the Education Committee and the Castleton Literary and Scientific Society.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

As in former years several hundreds of books, periodicals and magazines were collected from the public for the use of men on service. Two of the military hospitals in the Borough received on loan a number of books for the use of the patients. The loans were appreciated, but extensive use was not made of them.

CLOSING HOURS.

In order to comply with the general desire for economy, and in view of the desirability of saving electric current, the reading rooms have been closed at 9 p.m., instead of 9-30 p.m.

BUILDINGS.

The structure is in good condition, but the interior requires redecoration. There seems very little chance of this necessary work being done for some time owing to our limited income, which is taxed to the utmost by the provision of necessities.

The insurance on the Libraries and Art Gallery was increased in view of the present-day cost of building.

In order to effect economy on lighting costs the metallic filament lamps in the public rooms were removed and half-watt lamps installed. The current consumption is much less and the lighting improved by this alteration.

STAFF.

Numerous changes occurred in the temporary staff, which caused some dislocation in our activities and administration. They rendered most efficient service, however, and their willingness and loyalty cannot be too highly commended. We are anticipating that, with the return of the assistants who have been on war service, we shall be able to continue that technical work, which had to be suspended, and which is very necessary for the efficiency of library administration.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

In April application was made by the Local Food Control Committee for the use of the whole of the Museum ground floor. Your Committee, regretfully from the local point of view, agreed to the request in the national interest, and so practically for the whole of the year the educational facilities of the Museum have been lost to the public. The attendance at the Food Office was so great that it was thought desirable to discontinue checking the attendance to the Art Gallery owing to the turnstiles serving for both places. Though no reliable figures can be given there is evidence that considerably greater use was made of the Art Gallery during the year, and that the efforts of the Committee in arranging a variety of exhibitions proved very effective.

ART GALLERY PERMANENT COLLECTION.

Acquisitions were made to the permanent collection by the purchase from the Ogden Bequest Fund of four pastel studies by Edward Stott, A.R.A., all good examples of his work in this medium. The artist who died in March of last year, was been at needed in the artist who desirable that his work store at needed in the following the artist who desirable that his work store at needed in the following the artist town. The Ogden Bequest Fund was also utilised for the purchase of water colour drawings by Thomas Girton (2), J. D. Harding, Pavid Roberts, R.A., T. S. Boys, Henry Bright and W. R. Beverley. These drawings help to strengthen the water colour section, and are choice examples of the work of the artists named.

DONATIONS.

In January the Committee received with gratitude a bequest of water colour drawings and oil paintings from the late Mr. J. S. Little-wood, a former Mayor of the Borough. The drawings include charming examples of the art of Peter de Wint, David Cox, Birket Foster and George Barrett, Junr. The oils include good examples by Vicat Cole, R.A., B. W. Leader, R.A., E. Blair Leighton, Thomas Faed, R.A., and

J. F. Herring. The bequest has been much admired by the public, and it is hoped it will prove a stimulus for other benefactions. A list of the drawings and paintings bequeathed will be found on page 22.

EXHIBITIONS.

The first exhibition of the year was a series of War Sketches and Army and Navy Portraits, by Muirhead Bone and Francis Dodd, exhibited from 11th May to 2nd June. The drawings were fine examples of artistic work and were of much enjoyment and profit to the student of art and attractive to the general public. The drawings were loaned by the Ministry of Information.

For the remainder of June Mr. Harold Leighton kindly loaned a collection of his own photographs that gave much pleasure and generally proved the close relationship between art and the camera.

From July 12th to August 11th an exhibition of Town Planning and Housing Drawings was held. The exhibition was opened by the Chairman. He was supported by Mr. Percy Lodge and Mr. Councillor T. R. Marr, of Manchester, who gave addresses on "Civic Survey of South-east Lancashire," and "Town Planning and Housing." The exhibition was arranged with the dual object of stimulating public interest in a most important question and of illustrating the possibilities of town planning and housing schemes. The exhibits illustrated the growth of Rochdale from 1610; a model civic survey; types of Lancashire houses; the remodelling of old property; recent Government housing schemes; examples of bad housing; garden cities; civic centres and general town improvement schemes. The exhibition was comprehensive and attracted many visitors from outside the Borough. During its tenure Mr. Councillor Harold Shawcross gave two addresses on the exhibits.

The chief exhibition of the year was that of the British Battle Photographs in Colour, held August 29th to September 29th. The exhibition was opened by Colonel A. J. Mitchell, Lancashire Fusiliers, the Mayor (Alderman J. Blomley, J.P.) being in the chair. The photographs were wonderful in their subject matter and colouring, and were a record of the war at once vivid, arresting and complete. The exhibition was unquestionably the most popular since the Gallery was opened, and the attendance was a record one. At the week-ends queues waited to enter the Gallery to view the photographs. It is worth recording that over \$50 was received in collecting boxes for the Lancashire Fusiliers Prisoners of War Fund.

The annual exhibition of the work done at the School of Art and Sketching Club was held from September 14th to October 13th, and was interesting to many.

In December an exhibition of water colour drawings and pastels was held, the work of Mr. H. Barrett Carpenter, Headmaster, Rochdale School of Art. It was well varied, comprising seascapes and landscapes, and achieved a quiet success.

The important collection of water colour drawings, on loan from the Manchester Whitworth Institute, is still in the Galleries, and forms an attraction of considerable artistic value.

Eighteen oil paintings on loan from the National Gallery of British Art are on exhibition.

The Manchester City Art Gallery kindly loaned for one month three oil paintings, the work of the late Edward Stott, A.R.A.

LOAN OF GALLERY.

On September 4th the No. 2 Gallery was used for the presentation to Alderman J. R. Heape, J.P., a former Mayor of the Borough and a member of your Committee, of his portrait in oils painted by the Hon. John Collier. Alderman Heape presented the portrait to the town, and it is at present hung in the Gallery.

The use of Gallery No. 3 was granted to the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society for a lecture by Mr. Robert Bateman on the water colour drawings of the Manchester Whitworth Institute on loan at the Gallery.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

A fine and comprehensive collection of British and foreign shells was the gift of Mr. R. W. Schofield. Mr. Schofield also gave to the Museum the inlaid oriental table that had been on loan for some time.

The Rochdale Collection was enriched by a number of rare local prints and photographs, the donation of Mr. Richard Heape, J.P.

Mr. C. Halliwell Beswicke-Royds gave a collection of British birds and animals contained in 22 cases.

The cordial thanks of the Committee were accorded to the donors in each case.

CLOSING HOURS.

The Galleries were closed each evening at dusk.

BUILDINGS.

The structure is in good repair, but interior painting is very necessary.

(Signed)

J. T. DAWSON,

24th April, 1919.

CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.			Volumes 1918-19	Issued. 1917-18
Theology and Philosophy		1,030	188	185
Biography		980	128	193
History and Travels	• • •	4,386	1,065	1,272
Law, Politics, and Commerce		1,476	247	320
Arts and Science		3,197	1,615	1,816
Fiction	• • •	164	26	55
Poetry and Drama		887	84	100
Miscellaneous Literature	• • •	6,544	1,828	2,021
Patent Specifications			778	247
		18,664	5,959*	6,209*
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library	•;•	1,727	16,009	17,521
Total		20,391	21,968	23,730

Days open, 363; average daily issue, 60.

^{*} Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open shelves.

TABLE II.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSII	FICATIO	ON.			No. of Volumes	Volumes 1918–19	Issued. 1917-18
Theology and Philose	ophy	•••			2,029	728	700
Biography	•••	• • •			3,598	1,276	1,605
History and Travels					5,501	5,511	3,944
Law, Politics, and Co	ommerce				1,193	779	820
Arts and Science		•••			6,794	8,548	8,426
Fiction	•••	• • •	•••		8,951	80,639	69,598
Juvenile Literature		•••	•••	•••	2,392	33,234	26,533
Poetry and Drama					1,466	1,431	1,172
Miscellaneous Litera	iture				7,081	6,036	5,785
Books for the Blind					307	378	607
	Total	•••	•••	•••	39,312	138,560	119,190

Days open, 268; average daily issue, 517.

Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE III.

CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Classification of Stock, and Volumes issued from each Class.

LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASSIFICATION.			Volumes 1918-19	Issued. 1917-18
Theology and Philosophy	•••	74	16	47
Biography		270	55	223
History and Travels		327	580	780
Law, Politics, and Commerce	•••	136	27	106
Arts and Science	•••	426	838	1,301
Fiction and Juvenile Literature		2,608	32,702	29,004
Poetry and Drama		118	237	259
Miscellaneous Literature		601	3,222	2,761
Juvenile Literature in the Boys' Library		210	8,418	19,261
Total	•••	4,770	46,095	53,742

Days open, 249; average daily issue, 185.

TABLE IV.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Volumes issued from each Class.

	Hea	ley	Lower	place	Smallbridge		
CLASSIFICATION.	Volumes issued. 1918-19 1917-18		Volumes issued. 1918-19 1917-18		Volumes issued. 1918-19 1917-18		
Theology and Philosophy	8	3	5	5	0	0	
Biography	18	22	25	114	0	2	
History and Travels	48	106	256	295	102	102	
Law, Politics, and Commerce	0	6	0	0	6	1	
Arts and Science	36	20	102	88	92	97	
Fiction	4,210	2,775	16,881	13,238	6,920	5,306	
Poetry and Drama	0	0	0	13	62	55	
Miscellaneous Literature	193	160	347	248	382	422	
Juvenile Literature	1,993	1,588	8,183	6,719	337	365	
	6,506	4,680	25,799	20,720	7,901	6,350	
	1918-19			1917-18			
Total		40,206		31,750			

Average days open, 303; average daily issue, 132.

Table V.—Library Statistics arranged as suggested by the Library Association.

	_					Fig.
Population at last Census *Amount of Rate in the pound						91,437
*Amount of Rate in the pound						1.98d.
Cost of Library Service per in	habita	nt				4.83d.
Total Cost of Library per inha	ıbitant					6.51d.
Number of Separate Establish	ments	(incl)	ides th	ree Deliv	rerv	
Stations)				• • •		5
Number of Staff:—				***		
Whole time, male						5
Whole time, female	•••					5
Part time, male				•••	• • •	3
*Includes A						J
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INCOME A	AND I	EXPE	NDITH	R.E		Per cent. of
Income :				2023.		total income
From Rate				£2,644		
From Library Receipts		• • •		£214		
Trom Enorary receipts	•••	• • • •	• • •	£414	• • •	1.0
Total Income				(0.050		100.0
Total Income	• • •	• • • •	• • •	£2,858	• • •	100.0
Ermanditura :						Dom sout of
Expenditure :—				,		Per cent. of
Library Service :—				211		expenditure
	• • •		• • •	311	• • •	12.52
Binding	31 3		• • •	107		4.31
Newspapers and Perio				230		9.26
Fittings and Furnitur				12		0.48
Printing, Stationery,	Postag	ges, et	tc	205		8.25
Salaries				976		39.30
Total				£1,841		74.12
Fabric Charges:—				£ 215		
Loans				215		8.65
Rent, Taxes and Insu	irance			18		0.72
Upkeep of Buildings				49		1.98
Heating and Lighting	(inclu	iding	wages)	361		14.53
	` `		.,,,			
Total				4643		25.88
Total Expenditure				£2,484		100.00
1				7.5		
S	TOCK	S.	L	ending		Reference
No. of Volumes at beginning of				44,737		00 100
No. of Volumes withdrawn du	ring v	ear				
Additions during year (Replace	ement	s 332		2,083 1,428		100
				44,082		00.004
Total Volumes at end of year Volumes per head of population		• •		per 2.07		1 per 4.48
TO	DETTER			Total		ily average
Landing Library Jesues	300110	•		224,861	1.00	200
Lending Library Issues Children's Reading Room Issu Reference Library Recorded Is	• •	• •		16,009		= 0
Defenence Library Decorded Is		• •	• • •	5,959		4.0
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for three years)				10,253		
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TABLE VI.

JUVENILE "TALKS."

- October 15th, 1918 ... Mr. Henry Crowther, "Story of a snowflake," Chairman:—Mr. E. A. Johnson, St. Alban's School. Attendance 252.
- November 26th, 1918 ... Mr. Henry Crowther, "The House, and what is in it." Chairman:—Mr. F. Pawson, Castleton Council School. Attendance 193.
- December 17th, 1918 ... Mr. J. Whatmough, "News from the Romano-English trenches." Chairman:—Mr. J. H. Brittain, B.A., B.Sc., Secondary School. Attendance 243.
- January 3rd, 1919 ... Mr. J. A. Bain, "Arctic exploration." Chairman:—Mr. J. Shepherd, Spotland Council School. Attendance 253.
- February 18th, 1919 ... Mr. F. Ormerod, "How a newspaper is made." Chairman:—Mr. R. J. Gordon. Attendance 186.

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Ashworth, Dr. J. R., Rochdale. Blomley, Alderman J., Rochdale. Brierley, Henry, Wigan. British Museum Trustees, London.

British Red Cross Society, London. Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.

Chance, J. F.

Charnock, William, Rochdale.

Colwell Press, Minneapolis.

Concrete Utilities Bureau, London.

Coxwell, C. Fillingham.

Dawson, W., Rochdale.

De Horsey, Admiral Sir Algernon F. R., Cowes.

Edwards, Dr., Rochdale.

Fairham, William, Ellesmere Port.

Fountain, J., Rochdale.

Freedom Association, London.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Kershaw, T. Elvyn, Rochdale.

Lavery, F., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Lord, T. B., Rochdale.

Macara, Sir Charles W., Manchester.

Macmillan & Co. Ltd., London.

Ministry of Reconstruction, London.

National Anti-Vivisection Society, London.

Oakley, Rev. G. R., Rochdale.

Path Publishing Co., London.

Platt, S. S., Colwyn Bay.

Registrar, The, Durham University.

Registrar, The, Edinburgh University.

Registrar, The, Manchester University.

Registrar, New Zealand.

Registrar General, Canada.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Rudd, F. H., Rochdale.

Smithsonian Institute, U.S.A.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, London.

Stansfield, T., Rochdale.

Stott, C. H., Rochdale.

Sutton & Sons, Messrs., Reading.

Town and County Directories Ltd., Edinburgh.

Turner Brothers Asbestos Co. Ltd., Rochdale.

Zimmern, Miss Helen, Florence, Italy.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Adelaide, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Derby, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Keighley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Oxford University, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, R.I. (U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Runcorn, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, South Australia, Taunton, Todmorden, Whitby, Wigan.

TABLE VIII.

DONORS TO THE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Beswicke-Royds, C. Halliwell, Littleborough.

Brierley, Henry, Wigan.

Haydnn, J. A., Horncastle.

Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Jackson, Misses, Rochdale.

Lancashire and Cheshire Fauna Committee.

Lancashire Authors' Association.
Oddy, Alderman R. W., Rochdale.
Pawson, F., Rochdale.

Pilling, Walter, J.P., Rochdale.

Platt, S. S., Colwyn Bay.

Rochdale Munition Area Board of Management, Rochdale.

Schofield, R. W., Rochdale.

Shells Ltd., Rochdale.

Smalley, J., Rochdale.

Stott, Mrs., Rochdale.

Taylor, A., Rochdale.

Yates, J. E., Rochdale.

REPORTS, CATALOGUES, HANDBOOKS, from the following Art Galleries and Museums, etc:— The Carnegie Institute, New York (U.S.A.), Colchester, Glasgow, Manchester City Art Gallery, National Museum of Wales, Norwich.

TABLE IX.

Pictures bequeathed by the late J. S. Littlewood, Esq.

OIL PAINTINGS-

- "Hales Old Hall, Hales Green, near Norwich," E. Blair Leighton.
- "Highland Lassie," Thomas Faed, R.A.
 - "A Surrey Cornfield," Vicat Cole, R.A.
 - "Scene on the Llugwy with Moel Siabod in distance," B. W. Leader, R.A.
 - "Swallow Falls, near Bettws-y-Coed," Bartholme.
 - "Farm Yard Scene," J. F. Herring.
 - "Old Man shelling Peas," H. Kern.

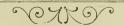
WATER COLOURS-

- "On the shore, Gairloch," Birket Foster, R.W.S.
- "On Guildford Common, Surrey," Birket Foster, R.W.S.
- "Cornfield and Landscape," George Barrett. Junr.
- "Farm Scene," Peter de Wint.
- "Windsor Castle," David Cox.
- "Fisherfolk on Mediterranean Coast below mouth of River Tiber,"
 P. Gabrini.

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Statement of Accounts.

Year ending 31st March, 1919.



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Year ending March 31st, 1919.

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Borough Rate— Amount Received	3662	0	0
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Food Control Committee— Proportion of Telephone Rent	5	7	9
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Memoranda.



Population of the Borough, 1911 Census—91,437.

Net Rateable Value-£459,152.

Product of Rate—£3,662.

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened-1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened—1905.

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913

Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

New Juvenile Lending Department Opened—1915.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY and MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1921-1922.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

ROCHDALE:

E. WRIGLEY AND SONS LIMITED, PRINTERS, ACKER STREET,



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COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE, 1921-1922.

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Mr. Councillor WALTER WILSON.

Dr. J. REGINALD ASHWORTH.

Hon. Art Adviser Tom Mostyn, Esq.

OFFICERS.

Chief Librarian an	d Se	creta	wy		С. Ѕтотт.
Deputy Librarian					F. T. SLEIGHT.
Senior Assistant	• • •			• • •	Miss J. Webster.
Assistants	•••	•••	•••	•••	Misses Burton, Ellison, Pugh, Brownbridge, Hardman, Thompson.
Caretakers	•••	•••	•••	•••	W. Rhodes, J. T. Robinson, T. A. Marsden.
Cleaners	•••	•••	•••	•••	Mrs. W. Rhodes, Mrs. J. T. Robinson.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE.

Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, 1921-1922.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Rochdale.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed to administer the Public Libraries Acts and Museums Acts have pleasure in reporting upon their work for the year ending March 31st, 1922.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Open Access System in our Central Library has been in operation during the whole of the past year, and has fully justified our most sanguine expectations. The total recorded circulation of books from all departments was 268,838, being an increased issue on the previous year of 47,106.

A comparison of the percentage increases in the issue of fiction and non-fiction indicates the value of our new system as an important factor in adult education. The increase of fiction issues for the year has been 17 per cent., the increase of non-fiction issues being 53 per cent.

This demonstrates that the privilege of being able to select personally books from the shelves of our Library has fostered a greater interest in educative literature. A detailed tabular statement of issues by departments and classes will be found in Table I.

The Students' Room was opened last June, and has been greatly appreciated. It is attracting an increasing number of thoughtful readers and students, and proving a valuable adjunct to our Library. It provides a quiet retreat where study can be pursued under favourable conditions. Many persons are availing themselves of a privilege otherwise denied to them by the limited accommodation of the ordinary household, and they also recognise that ready facility to consult first-class literature and text-books is most valuable in their work.

The number of new tickets issued to Lending Library borrowers during the year was 3,947. The Total number of tickets now in use is 13,409. This total includes 8,672 ordinary tickets, 1,257 supplementary tickets, and 3,480 scholars tickets. The number of borrowers using the Lending Libraries for the year was 12,152.

STOCK.

The number of volumes in all departments is 51,933, exclusive of the Patent Office publications, Parliamentary and other publications.

1,717 books were rebound, and minor repairs to the number of 10,193 were made by the Staff.

The Central Library now contains 27,529 volumes; the Central Reference 19,144 volumes; the Central Children's Reference Library 194 volumes; the Castleton Lending Library 4,856 volumes; and the Castleton Children's Library 210 volumes.

Volumes added during the year were allocated as follows:---

Central Lending Library ... 1,062 volumes
Central Reference Library ... 408 ...
Castleton Branch Library ... 706 ...
2,176 ,,

DONATIONS.

The Committee tendered their thanks to the donors of 197 books and pamphlets.

OVERDUES.

3,473 postal applications were made for books overdue, and 43 personal visits were made by the Staff for the purpose of locating removals.

Nine volumes of minor value were lost from the Libraries during the year.

Fines for the detention of books amounted to £206 8s. 6d. and £6 14s. 2d. was received for books lost or damaged by borrowers,

LECTURES.

A series of six "Talks" to juveniles was given during the winter season. They were educative and interesting, fully maintaining their attractiveness.

The adult lectures have been greatly appreciated. The large attendance of the public and the keen interest displayed in the subjects considered testifies to their arrestive and inspiring influence.

On two occasions we have united with the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, and also with the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society.

Literary, scientific and musical topics have been under review by ladies and gentlemen whose expert knowledge and lucidity of treatment have made the studies most valuable. We are deeply grateful for their generous services.

HOLIDAY READING.

Books to the number of 901 were issued to borrowers as a holiday privilege during the months of July and August.

LIBRARY CONFERENCE.

The Chairman and the Chief Librarian attended the conference of the Library Association, held at Manchester, and presented a report of the proceedings to the Committee.

STAFF.

Mr. J. P. Lamb, our Deputy Librarian, on receiving a similar appointment in the City of Sheffield Library, terminated his services with us last September. He served us for several years with courtesy, ability and devotion to the best interest of our institution.

The appointment of Mr. F. T. Sleight as his successor last November has justified our expectations. He has shown himself intelligent, capable and kindly.

Miss Webster, who commenced her duties last May, has also proved herself a willing and studious assistant.

BUILDINGS.

Both the Central and the Branch Libraries are in good repair on the whole. The Central Newsroom and the Students' Room were decorated during the year. The work rooms in the Central Library basement require painting, and certain repairs will have to be effected. The upper portion of the Castleton Branch Library was pointed during the year, and minor repairs to the roof undertaken. The interior of the building is badly in need of decoration, and it is expected that this will be done during the summer months of this year.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

The attendance for the year was 88,320, which the Committee considered was most gratifying.

PERMANENT COLLECTION.

During the year additions were made to the Permanent Collection by the purchase from the Ogden Bequest Fund of water-colour drawings by the following artists:—

A. V. Copley Fielding, William Hunt, Henry Moore, R.A., Albert Goodwin, Sir Francis Powell, R.W.S., R.S.W., and Paul Sandby. $^-$

DONATIONS.

The Permanent Collection was enriched by several interesting donations. Mr. J. S. Crompton presented eight oil paintings, the most important of which being the "Head of Loch Ness," by D. Y. Cameron, R.A. This picture, though it is an early painting of the artist's, is very typical of his later work.

Mr. William Lloyd presented two oil paintings, "Sunset, near Land's End," by Julius Olsson, R.A., and "Canal near Bruges: Autumn," by Louis Reckelbus. The latter painting, with its vivid orange colouring, provides an effective foil to the quieter and more sombre notes of the other paintings hung adjacent to it.

Captain Percy Molyneux Rawson Royds, C.M.G., R.N., presented the artist's clay model of the figure "Maternity," one of the minor figures on the statue of Queen Victoria, by Onslow Ford, R.A., in Piccadilly, Manchester,

The marble bust of the late Sir Clement Molyneux Royds, C.B., by Onslow Ford, R.A., which was bequeathed to the Art Gallery, was handed over to the Committee by Lady Royds upon her relinquishment of Greenhill as a residence. Under the terms of the late Sir Clement's will the bust was to remain in Lady Royds' possession until her death.

The thanks of the Council and Committee were accorded for the generous gifts.

EXHIBITIONS.

An exhibition of drawings by members of the Pencil Society was held from May 14th to June 12th, 1921.

An Exhibition of Silhouettes, the first of its kind in this country, was held from July 2nd to July 30th, 1921. The work of a Rochdale man, the late Mr. Simeon Lord Brierley, was made the centre of an interesting collection of silhouettes representing the various processes and materials of this form of art. The exhibition attracted a considerable amount of attention, both on account of the local interest attaching to Mr. Brierley's work and also by reason of the rare, unique and valuable exhibits.

From August 6th to September 10th, there was held an exhibition of decorative wood panels by Mr. A. J. Rowley, from designs by Frank Brangwyn, R.A., and other artists. Apart from the excellent degree of skill in art-craftsmanship involved in their material composition, the panels displayed in a wonderful manner the expressive possibilities of the medium used. The way in which the grain of the wood was made to represent both lanscape and figure studies was an artistic revelation. The exhibition was attractive, original, and created a great amount of interest.

The School of Art Annual Exhibition was held in the Galleries from September 17th to October 8th, 1921. The exhibits maintained their usual commendable standard, and displayed originality of treatment.

A collection of water-colour drawings of Pompeiian decoration, by Luigi Bazzani, on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, was on exhibition from October 11th, 1921, to January 2nd, 1922. This exhibition contained many exquisite examples of the art of drawing in water colours. The representation of the more delicate mosaics and frescoes was effected in a charming manner, whilst the architectural studies were admirably drawn and full of artistic feeling.

The Amateur Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition was held from January 7th to February 4th, 1922. This year's exhibition contained some very fine examples of the artistic possibilities of the camera as well as some first-class specimens of photographic technique.

The last exhibition of the year, that of paintings chiefly by old masters of the Dutch and Flemish Schools of the seventeenth century, was somewhat of a departure from the Committee's more recent policy of providing exhibitions of modern art forms. The pictures were bequeathed to the nation by the late Mr. William Harvey, of Leeds, to form a National Loan Collection Trust Exhibition. The exhibition was made the subject of a lantern lecture by Mr. H. B. Carpenter, certain of the pictures being displayed in the lantern light and explained and described in detail by the lecturer.

The number of visitors attending the Galleries during the periods of the various exhibitions was as follows:—

Pencil Society Exhibition, May 14th to June 12th,	
1921	9,104
Exhibition of Silhouettes, July 2nd to July 30th, 192	1 7,505
Exhibition of Decorative Wood Panels, August 6th to	
September 10th, 1921	9,208
School of Art Exhibition, September 17th to October	
8th, 1921	5,952
Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings of Pompeiian	
decoration, by Luigi Bazzani, October 11th, 1921,	
to January 2nd, 1922	19,335
Amateur Photographic Society's Exhibition, January	
7th to February 4th, 1922	5,767
Exhibition of National Loan Collection Trust pictures,	
January 21st to March 26th, 1922	14,621

LOAN OF GALLERIES.

The use of Gallery No. 2 was granted to the National Library for the Blind on November 17th, for the purpose of an exhibition of appliances for the use of the blind and for a public lecture in connection therewith.

The Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society was granted the use of the Galleries on several occasions.

Gallery No. 2 was used as a Temporary Newsroom during the period January 23rd to January 31st, 1922, while the Central Newsroom was being decorated.

MUSEUM.

The Museum continued to attract a considerable number of visitors.

The use of No. 2 Museum Room was granted to the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society for the purpose of holding their meetings and lectures during the winter session 1921-1922.

Five water-colour drawings of old Rochdale, by Thomas Wakeman, were purchased by the Committee during the year, and they make an extremely interesting addition to the Rochdale Room.

A very valuable addition to the Egyptology section of the Museum was made as a result of the generosity of Mr. Alderman J. R. Heape, J.P., and Mr. Charles Heape, J.P. This consists of a collection of Egyptian antiquities, comprising some very fine alabasters of the 1st and 2nd Dynasties, a very interesting series of models of the 9th Dynasty, and certain other items of sculpture, pottery and articles of personal use. The gift formed part of the discoveries made by Professor W. M. Flinders Petrie during the winter of 1920-1921. The thanks of the Council and Committee were accorded to the donors.

In addition to the above a number of local views and museum specimens were presented during the year, and special mention should be made of the series of local photographs, the old Yeomanry broadside and the various museum specimens presented by Captain Percy Molyneux Rawson Royds, C.M.G., R.N.; a water-colour drawing of Hamer Hall, presented by Mr. (formerly Councillor) Henry Booth, and the series of lantern slides of old Rochdale presented by Mr. Councillor C. H. Bryning.

WILD FLOWER EXHIBITION.

The Committee are again indebted to the good offices of the members of the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society for the very attractive exhibition of wild flowers of the district, which was maintained during the spring and summer months.

BUILDINGS.

The Art Gallery and Museum structure is in good repair on the whole. Minor repairs are necessary to the lift entrance in Manchester Road, and the roof of No. 3 Gallery. These will be effected in the near future. The re-decoration of the Art Gallery entrance hall, staircase, and Galleries 1 and 2 is becoming urgent and cannot be much longer delayed.

Signed,

J. T. DAWSON,

Chairman.

May 10th, 1922.

TABLE I.-TABLE OF ISSUES.

,				TOA	VOLUMES		ISSUED	Q D					TOTAL ISSUES	TOTAL ISSUES
	Reference		Central Lending		Castleton B'ch	n B'ch		DELI	DELIVERY	STATIONS	SNS		ALL LIBRARIES	RARIES
CLASSIFICATION.							Healey	ey	Lower	Lowerplace	Smallbridge	oridge	(By Classes)	asses)
	1921-22	1920-21	1921-22	1920-21	1921-22 1920-21		1921-22 1920-21	920-21	1921-22 1920-21	1920-21	1921-22 1920-21	1920.21	1921-22	1921-22 1920-21
	1.993		4.880		1.415		327		119		533		9,267	
	806		7,140		241		က		40		19		8,249	
	287		1,215		81	_	6.1		45		21		1,629	
	275		1,858		11				Ť		21		2,226	
	359		1,848		118		17		17				2,330	
	152		1,764		23		_		-				1,941	
ence	264		1,145		39								1,4.48	
Language and Literature	258		843		39		<u> </u>				20		1,146	
:	265		3,395		426		1-		31		F		4.106	
	330		108,796		33,550		4,755	.1	21,976		7,332		176,736	
:	196		6,650		503		12		9		35		7,867	
	318		1,775		X.		21		11		133		2,223	
:			28,744				1,384		5,737		125		35,990	
:			35							_			300	
:	368												368	
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Library	13,277				-								13,277	
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a Exclusive of issues from General Reference volumes placed on open Shelves.

b Four early closing days are counted as one day.

TABLE II.

CLASSIFICATION OF STOCK.

Classification	Central Lending Library	Castleton Branch	Totals
Generalia Physical Science Biological Science Ethnology and Medicine Economic Biology Philosophy and Religion Social and Political Science Language and Literature Literary Forms Fiction Juvenile Literature History, Geography Biography Books for the Blind Total Stock Reference and G	 3,431 2,642 740 584 575 1,267 898 415 1,423 8,361 2,024 2,852 2,010 307	159 181 88 61 67 84 129 34 303 3,059 <i>a</i> 346 345 	3,590 2,823 828 645 642 1,351 1,027 449 1,726 11,420 2,024 3,198 2,355 307 32,385
Total Stock Reference and C		`	51,933

a Includes Juvenile Fiction.

TABLE III. REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Classification	
Theology and Philosophy	1,039 1,022 4,607 1,491 3,301 166 905 6,613 194 210

Table IV.—Library Statistics arranged as suggested by the Library Association.

Population at last Census (19	21)					92,700
*Amount of Rate in the point		•••	•••	•••	•••	2.22d.
Cost of Library Service per i	u	•••	• • •	•••	•••	
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Number of Separate Establis	hment	s (inclu	des th	ree Deli	very	
Stations)				•••		5
Number of Staff :						
Whole time male						2
Whole time, male Whole time, female Part time, male		•••				7
Dowt time, remaie	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	
Part time, mate			1 7 6	• • •	• • •	5
*Includes	Art Ga	llery ar	id Mu	seum.		
INCOME	AND	EXPE	NDITU	JRE.		Per cent. of
Income :—						total income
From Rate				£4.195		96.11
From Library Receipts	• • • •			£170		2.60
From Library Receipts	• • •	• • •	• • • •	2170	• • •	3 89
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Total Income	• • •		• • •	₹4,365		100.00
Expenditure:—						Per cent. of
Library Service :—				£		expenditure
				419		
Books			• • •			
Binding		• • •		247		5.96
Newspapers and Per	iodical	s		282		6.81
Fittings and Furniti	ire			73		1.76 4.73
Printing, Stationery,				196		4 73
Salaries				1,604		
Lectures				49	• • •	1.00
Lectures	• • •	• • •	• • •	43	• • •	1.03
Total				£2,834		69.18
Fabric Charges :—				£		
Loans				245		5.95
Loans Rent, Taxes and Ins Upkeep of Buildings	11127106			151		3.64
Unkner of Buildings	diane	• • • •		338		
Upkeep of Buildings	- /: -1		•••		• • •	8.16
Heating and Lightin	g (incl	uding v	vages)	541		13.07
Total				£1,275		30.82
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		.5.	L	ending		Reference
No. of Volumes at beginning	or year	г.	• •	34,965		19,252
No. of Volumes withdrawn di	iring y	ear .		4,148		112
Additions during year (Replay	coment	-c 5161		1 568		408
Total Volumes at end of year Volumes per head of populati				32,335		19,548
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Lending Library Issues Children's Reading Room Issu	• •	• • • •		248.955		875
Children's Reading Room Issu	ies			13,277		44
Reference Library Recorded 1	issues .			6,606		15
Reference Library Open Shelv	es Issi	ies (est.)	21,480		60
Issues from Lending Library p	er head	1 of por	nlatic	n	2.68	
				***	2.00	
		WERS.				
No. of Actual Borrowers and	Perce	entage of	of			
				12,152		13.1
Borrowers to population No. of Supplementary Tickets	held			1,257		
Total Borrowers' Tickets in us	the /tiple	ote mi	4	1,207		
				12 400		
for three years)			• •	13,409	***	

TABLE V.

LECTURES.

October 6th, 1921	•••	The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Salford, "Dante and Shakespeare." Chairman: Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
November 3rd, 1921	•••	Henry Guppy, Esq., M.A., D.Phil., "The Art of Reading." Chairman:—W. H. Hickson, Esq., O.B.E.
December 1st, 1921	•••	O. Brockbank, Esq., "The Wilderness of the Wanderings," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
December 3rd, 1921	•••	R. A. Wardle, Esq., M.Sc., "Bird protection," with lantern illustrations. (Under the auspices of the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society.)
January 5th, 1922	•••	Rev. J. T. East, "Robert Burns." Chairman:—Mr. Alderman W. Davidson, J.P.
February 6th, 1922	•••	Rev. W. Charter Piggott, "The Pack of a literary vagabond." In the chair:— Miss J. Fishwick. (Joint lecture with the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.)
February 18th, 1922	•••	Miss Annie Dixon, "Protozoa and disease," with lantern illustrations. (Under the auspices of the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society.)
March 3rd, 1922	***	H. Barrett Carpenter, Esq., "Dutch land- scape painters," with lantern illustra- tions. Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
March 4th, 1922	•••	T. D. T. Hall, Esq., "Insectivorous plants," with lantern illustrations. (Under the auspices of the Rochdale Field Naturalists' Society.)
March 20th, 1922	•••	Rev. H. Wilson, M.A., "In Wordsworth's ways through Lakeland," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
March 31st, 1922	•••	A. Norman Scott, Esq., "The Influence of literature on music," with musical illustrations. Chairman:—His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Alderman S. Diggle. (Joint lecture with the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society.)

TABLE VI.

JUVENILE "TALKS.

- October 20th, 1921 ... Owen Hunt, Esq., "Some wild me of the countryside," with lantern illustrations.

 Chairman:—Mr. J. Fothergill, Newbold Council School.
- November 24th, 1921 ... Rev. A. G. Hopkins, M.C., "A Trip to Palestine," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—Mr. J. White, Parish Church School.
- December 15th, 1921 ... W. Smalley, Esq., "Greek fairy tales and the stars," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—Mr. H. Rigg, Baillie Street Council School.
- January 12th, 1922 ... E. A. Johnson, Esq., "A Trip to London," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—
 Mr. Councillor J. T. Dawson.
- February 17th, 1922 ... R. W. Harris, Esq., "Natural History at the senside," with lantern illustrations.

 ChairmanMr. J. Ashworth, St. Patrick's R.C. School.
- March 9th, 1922 ... Mr. Councillor W. Crossley, "A Trip to Yellowstone Park," with lantern illustrations. Chairman:—Mr. J. White, Parish Church School.

TABLE VII.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

American Issue Publishing Co., New York, U.S.A. Birmingham Public Libraries. Board of Trade, Department of

Overseas Trade, London.
Brierley, Miss Constance, Roch-

dale.

British Museum, London. Buckley, Francis, Greenfield.

Cadbury Bros., Ltd., Messrs., Bournville.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Carnovale, Luigi, Chicago.

Castleton Literary and Scientific Society.

Caxton Press Ltd., London.

City and Guilds of London Institute, London.

Colonies, Crown Agents for the, London.

Cunard Steamship Line, Liverpool. Daily Telegraph, London. Daimler Company Ltd., London.

Diggle, Alderman S. (His Worship the Mayor), Rochdale.

Dobbs, Mrs. R. H., London. Durham University. Edinburgh University. Fairham, William, Ellesmere Port.

Fell, E. F. B., London. Grocock, Mrs., Rochdale. Hall, William, London.

Hall, William, London. Heape, Charles, J.P., Rochdale. Heape, Richard, J.P., Rochdale.

Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, Society of, London.

Irish Dominion League.

Leigh Brown Trust for the Encouragement of Painless Biological Research, London.

Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A.

Macdonald & Co. Ltd., Messrs. W., Edinburgh.

Manchester University.

Melrose Ltd., Messrs. Andrew, London.

Michelin Tyre Co., Ltd., London. National Sunday School Union,

Rochdale Branch. Raynor, Thomas W., Rochdale.

Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Rochdale.

Rochdale Öbserver, Rochdale. Serbian Legation, London. Sherwood, W., Manchester.

Sherwood, W., Manchester. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.

South Africa, High Commissioner for the Union of.

Stott, Charles H., Rochdale. Taplin, A. Betts, Liverpool.

Thompson, Messrs. W. P., and Co., Liverpool.

Thomson, D. Croal, London. Tonic Sol-fa College, London.

Town and Counties Directories Ltd., Manchester.

True Temperance Association, London.

United Kingdom Alliance, London. University of Liverpool.

Watson, Mr., Rochdale. Welsby, T., Rochdale.

Wharton, Hugh, London.

LIBRARY REPORTS, ETC., FROM:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brookline (U.S.A.), Brooklyn (U.S.A.), Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Central Library for Students, Derby, Dundee, Gateshead, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Keighley, Leeds, Library of Congress (Washington, U.S.A.), Lincoln, Manchester, Middlesbrough, National Library for the Blind, National Library of Wales, Nelson, New York City (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Portsmouth, Providence (R.I., U.S.A.), Rawtenstall, Runcorn, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Australian National Library, Stockport, Todmorden, Tottenham, Westminster, Wiang, Worcester, (Massachusetts, U.S.A.).

TABLE VIII.

DONORS TO THE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Booth, Councillor Henry, Rochdale.
Bryning, Councillor C. H., Rochdale.
Charnley, W., Rochdale.
Crompton, J. S., Rochdale.
Diggle, S. T., Rochdale.
Heape, Charles, J.P., Rochdale.
Heape, Alderman J. R., J.P., Rochdale.
Lloyd, William, St. Eia.
Rochdale Food Control Committee, Rochdale.
Royds, Captain Percy Molyneux Rawson, C.M.G., R.N.
Taylor, Robert, Rochdale.
Wild, J. J., Rochdale.

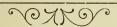
Williamson, F., Derby.

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Statement of Accounts.



Year ended 31st March, 1922.



Statement of Accounts,

Expenditure. £ s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	9			
Gas, Electricity, Water, Coke, &c	1			
Books	6			
Newspapers and Periodicals	4			
Bookbinding 247 4	3			
Printing and Stationery	2			
Insurances	3			
Repairs and Sundries	4			
Advertising, Stumps, &c	4			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	6			
Lectures	10			
		3694	4	4
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.				
Wages	10			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity	4.			
Books	0			
Newspapers and Periodicals	4			
Repairs and Sundries	11			
Carriage of Books 1 10	4			
		485	16	9
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.				
Salary and Wages	11			
Conveyance, Collecting, Carriage and Insurance				
	10			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c	5			
Repairs and Sundries 180 6	4			
Gas, Water, Coke and Electricity 127 7	9			
Interest, Sinking Fund, &c	10			
		1636	17	1
Surplus		150	0	3
	£1	5966	18	5
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Year ending March 31st, 1922.

Income.	£	s.	d.	f.	s.	d.
Borough Rate—						
Amount Received				5635	0	0
Fines	184	6	1			i
Cards and Catalogues	28		9			
Waste Paper, &c	38	6	9	251	12	7
Bank Interest				37	1	9
CASTLETON BRANCH LIBRARY						
Fines, Cards, Catalogues, &c		12	11			
Hire of Room	9	12	6	36	5	5
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.						
Catalogues	3	7 11	7			
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Memoranda.



Population of the Borough, 1921 Census—92,700.

Net Rateable Value-£610,929

Product of Rate-£5,815

Central Library Opened—1872.

Present Building Opened—1884.

Castleton Branch Library Opened-1901.

Art Gallery and Museum Opened—1903.

New Carnegie Castleton Branch Library Opened—1905.

Lectures Introduced—1912.

Art Gallery and Museum Extension Opened—1913.

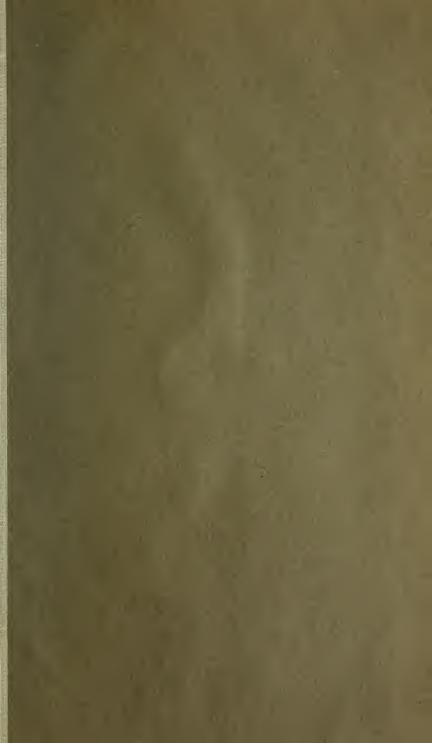
Delivery Stations Opened—1913.

New Juvenile Lending Department Opened—1915.

Open Access Introduced—1921.











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